
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 11/15/2020

“The Promised End to Our Longer, Deeper Exile” by Drew Hunter from Daniel 9

Overview

The book of Daniel continues in its prophetic bent over the last few chapters of the book. In this text, Daniel prays to God, and God responds by giving him a future hope of the salvation that will be found only in Christ. This chapter shows us God’s love for his people and his grace for our future by answering these three questions:

- 1) Why did Daniel pray? (v.1-3)
- 2) What did he pray? (v.4-14)
- 3) How does God respond? (v.20-27)

Quotes

“Our words have a hollow sound. Our confession is largely a formality. The truth is that we do more covering up than uncovering. We know little of the uncomfortable discipline of confessing and forsaking our sins and so finding mercy.” –John Stott, *Confess Your Sins* (7)

The types of (bad) apologies:

- the “if” apology (sorry IF I offended you)
- the excuse-making “but” apology (I’m sorry BUT he did that first)
- the focus-shifting apology (I’m sorry that you feel hurt)
- the downplaying apology (mistakes were made)
- the too generic apology (for whatever happened, I apologize)

Understanding & Application

- 1) What is the context of this chapter, meaning how old is Daniel & who is now the king whom Daniel serves?
- 2) What posture should we have when we approach the Lord in confessing our sin?
- 3) What does the Lord feel toward us when we approach him in confession?
- 4) According to Daniel 9:24, what is the goal of history? What hope does this give you today?
- 5) What is a Year of Jubilee according to Israel’s OT practices?
- 6) How does your answer to #5 above tie in to what God is saying in response to Daniel’s prayer about what will happen in the future? What will this future great jubilee be like?