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Transforming Daily

". . . your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you . . ."

Daniel 6:16

The story of Daniel in the lion's den is one of the most widely known stories especially among Christians. But the story entails more than just God's deliverance of Daniel from some "furballs." The book of Daniel contains, as the other prophetic books of the Bible do, a two-fold dynamic. First, there is the prophecy that is historically pertinent only for the children of Israel. That would be the "here and now" dynamic of prophecy. Second, there is the historic future dynamic for God's children of the generation that His Word is completely fulfilled. That would be the "yet to be fulfilled" dynamic. Therefore, all prophecy has a double application of fulfillment, the "here and now" and the "yet to be fulfilled."

Daniel is no different. Daniel prophesies the national upheaval of the surrounding nations during Israel's exile and post-exile state (chs. 2, 7, and 8 specifically). That would be the "here and now" fulfillment. He also prophesies the second coming of Christ in chapter nine which is the "yet to be fulfilled" part of his prophecy. So it is that Daniel's experience in captivity (not to mention the testimony of Meshach, Shadrach and Abed-nego), rise to prominence in the house of his enemy, subsequent betrayal by those who plotted against him and his ability to interpret dreams are all used not only to glorify God, but to bring fear and reverence for God into the hearts and minds of those who watch Him interact in the lives of His children.

The single most interesting subject among Christians (and recently among non-believers as well) is that of prophecy, end-times stuff. Everyone wants to know what the future holds for their individual state, country and world. The time is now for the children of God to shine forth for His glory! The time is now for the children of God to grow fervent in prayer, soul winning, service, and ministry! No one knows the hour of His coming, but it stands to reason that today is closer to His coming than it ever has been before. Today is the day of salvation!

Are you distracted from the responsibility and commission that God has given His children by the competing events of the day? Do you make it a matter of personal interest to plant seeds of the gospel and water them in the lives of those whom God sends across your path? Is prayer a priority? Though no one knows the hour of Christ's return there is no reason to fret and worry. For your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.