Lesson 68

Book of Daniel

1. Last week I gave you a number of summary points relating to Dan 6:3 and when time ran out I was teaching several principles relating to our Old Sin Natures.

2. Before continuing with our analysis I want to give you an expanded translation of Dan 6:1-3.

Dan 6:1 Darius, at the urging of Cyrus, decided to divide the Kingdom into 120 provinces with a troika of Regional Managers.

Dan 6:2 Daniel was a member of the triumvirate. The purpose of the Regional Managers was to make sure the King was not cheated out of that which he considered to be his just "due" i.e. taxes and/or tribute.

Dan 6:3 Daniel so distinguished himself as a loyal and effective administrator that Darius let it be known he planned on promoting his Jewish friend to Vice President of the entire Empire, second only to the King himself.

Before we return to our study of the OSN I want to give you the KJV and then the NIV translation of Dan 6:4:

KJV

Dan 6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

NIV

Dan 6:4 At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

3. The Old Sin Nature is that part of the soul's essence acquired originally by Adam's fall and subsequently through physical birth is the center of the soul's rebellion toward God.

2. The OSN has an area of weakness which produces personal sins, and an area of strength which produces human good.

3. The OSN has also a lust pattern, characterized by either a trend toward asceticism or lasciviousness.

4. The OSN is:

4.1 the "old man" of Eph 4:22;

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

4.2 the Adamic nature or "flesh" of Rom 8:3-4;

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

4.3 the principle of "sin" and "evil" of Rom 7:8-8:1;

Rom 7:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence [**Epithumia**] i.e. a longing for that which is forbidden. For without the law sin was dead i.e. without the law sin it is not apparent.

Rom 7:9 For I was alive without the law once [as a child]: but when the commandment came [he came of age], sin revived, and I died [when Paul became aware of the law it wrought all manner of rebellion to do the forbidden].

Rom 7:10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. [the law was supposed to bring good conduct and production but instead it became a fulcrum from which even more sin sprang]

Rom 7:11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me [Paul like many thought he could keep the law and a false sense of security developed - this is the way ascetics are today].

Rom 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Rom 7:13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it ò might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

Rom 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. Rom 7:15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

Rom 7:16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Rom 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

Rom 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.

5. The Old Sin Nature will dominate without first regeneration and then a consistent intake of the Word of God.

