

***Snowing in South Texas***  
***Daniel 9:1-17***

What is the God-ordained means of restarting and restoring our spiritual life? \_\_\_\_\_. Daniel confessed because he knew what God had said in Lev. 26:39-42. Because of their sin, Israel would \_\_\_\_\_ in their enemies' lands, but if they would confess their sins, God would remember His \_\_\_\_\_ with them.

Confession involves turning to the Lord – literally, Daniel set his \_\_\_\_\_ toward God. He determined not to \_\_\_\_\_ any sin from God. When we recognize our sinfulness, faults, and failures, the first thing we must do is stop \_\_\_\_\_ from God. Whether it is atheism, agnosticism, simply ignoring Him by refusing Jesus, or abandoning worship, church, and prayer, we must, instead, turn and face Him, approach His throne of grace \_\_\_\_\_ and find \_\_\_\_\_.

Daniel confessed with “fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.” These are expressions of dependence, \_\_\_\_\_, and extreme \_\_\_\_\_. When we come to God to confess, we must \_\_\_\_\_ our hearts and be serious about our sin and our desire for cleansing.

What prompted Daniel's confession? The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Daniel knew the prophecy of Jeremiah that Israel would be captive in Babylon for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and when Babylon fell to the Medes and the Persians, God's word enabled him to see God at work.

\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ years earlier, Daniel had been taken into captivity. He knew God had a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ planned for His followers, and he wanted to be a part of it. But \_\_\_\_\_ and rebellion against God stood in the way. God had provided a means for sin to be \_\_\_\_\_: Confession.

When a person turns to Jesus, sins are forgiven and \_\_\_\_\_, our spiritual lives are \_\_\_\_\_, and we are promised God's \_\_\_\_\_. Even then, sin can make our relationship to God \_\_\_\_\_. Confession brings fresh cleansing and \_\_\_\_\_. Like snowfall covering the ground, confession brings the snowfall of God's \_\_\_\_\_ that covers our sins.