

## Ezra 5:6 – 6:12 – Darius' Decree: "Finish the Work"

### Observations

- Letter to King Darius (5:6-17)

1. Authors
2. Content
  - a. Observations
  - b. Request of the Jews
  - c. Jews' response
    - Who?
    - What?
    - Why?
    - How?
3. Appeal to the King

- Darius' Decree (6:1-12)

1. Research
2. Content
3. Commands

### Principles – dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_

- Character: \_\_\_\_\_

- Serve / submit to \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 2:18-20

- Trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ God

Prov. 21:1

- \_\_\_\_\_ for my authorities (1 Tim. 2:1-2)
- Take advantage of \_\_\_\_\_ and resources to glorify God

## Denying Self: The Conflict Between Flesh and Spirit

**Key Passages:** Matthew 16:24      Mark 8:34      Luke 9:23

**Principle:** A \_\_\_\_\_ of oneself as the authority and focus of attention in one's life.

### Galatians 5:16-17

- The competitors:
- Who or what determines who wins?
- Word study: What is the *flesh* in Galatians?
  1. The human body
  2. Human beings
  3. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of mankind
  4. What is \_\_\_\_\_ vs. of God
  5. Our human \_\_\_\_\_, our existence apart from God that has \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
- Result of the conflict (vv. 16; 19-23)
  1. If the flesh wins:
    - A. We will carry out the \_\_\_\_\_ of our flesh (v. 16)
    - B. The deeds of the \_\_\_\_\_ - what \_\_\_\_\_ do (vv. 19-21)
  2. The fruit of the \_\_\_\_\_ - what \_\_\_\_\_ does (vv. 22-23)

### Biblical Descriptions of the Conflict

Flesh vs. \_\_\_\_\_ I vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Old man vs. \_\_\_\_\_ Members vs. \_\_\_\_\_

Outer man vs. \_\_\_\_\_

*How am I to think about myself?* (Romans 12:3)

- Manifestations of thinking too highly:
- Manifestations of thinking too lowly:
- What is correct thinking?

### Why are we to deny self?

- Ephesians 4:22
- Mark 8:34-35