

DANIEL

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Daniel resolved that he would not
defile himself
Daniel 1

1. God executes Kingly Judgment on Judah, the Southern Kingdom [see Jer. 20:4b-5, 2 Kings 23:36-24:17]

Daniel 1:1 *In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. 3 Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility...*

- Despite appearances, Yahweh is in control of the situation (v.2a)
- His judgment involves banishment to the “household” of a different god (v.2b)
- Additionally, Judah’s best and brightest will now serve a foreign power (v3)

2. Despite circumstances, Daniel’s pre-determined loyalty to God produced...

Daniel 1:8 *But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself...*

...purposeful action (v.8a)

...bold action (v.8b)

...persistent action (v.11)

...wise action (v.12-14)

3. God honored Daniel's resolve by...

...endearing Daniel to his supervisors

Daniel 1:9 *And God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs,*

...granting Daniel physical and intellectual vigor

Daniel 1: 15 *At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food...17 As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom...*

...making Daniel his personal spokesman

Daniel 1: 17b... *and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.*

...establishing Daniel in the King's confidence

20 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.

...Blessing Daniel with longevity

Daniel 1: 21 *And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.*

4. How to develop a Daniel-like resolve in the New Covenant

1 Pet.1:13 *Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ...*

1. **Take stock of who you are and Whom you serve** (v13a)
2. **Put all your eggs in the basket of God's promises** (v.13b)
3. **As children of God, don't let circumstances make you live like orphans** (v.14-15)
4. **Make God's approval and his rewards your sole concern** (remember WWPJ?) (v.17)
5. **Act in light of the value God placed on you to rescue you to Eternal Life** (v.18)

Application:

- Believing loyalty in trials
- Circumstances vs. God's Authority
- Perseverance and trust
- Life and godliness
- Beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord

SONGS

"STAND IN YOUR LOVE - Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, Rita Springer

"THIS IS AMAZING GRACE" - Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham

"O COME TO THE ALTAR" - Chris Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye

"BUILD MY LIFE " - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple, Matt Redman, Pat Barrett

BUDGET

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