

"For God's Glory"
Daniel 3:16-18
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OPENING STATEMENT

We must always consider: Is it man or God whom we serve and obey? To whom does the glory belong to?

Daniel 3:16-17 Do We Obey Man?
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1 Peter 1:7 NLT: 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine.

It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—**though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.** So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

Daniel 1:1-4

2 Kings 20:16-17

2 Kings 20:18

Daniel 1:1-4

1 Daniel 1:5 NLT: 5 The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. **They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service.**

Compromise: *An agreement or solution to a dispute reached when each party makes concessions.*

1 Daniel 1:6-7 NLT: 6 Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. **7** The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names:

Names Changed:

Daniel: God is my Judge = *Belteshazzar* - The treasure of Bel

Hananiah: God has Favored = *Shadrach* - Mandate of Aku (moon god)

Misrael: Who is like God = *Meshach* - Who is like Aku (moon god)

Azariah: God Helps = *Abed-nego* - Servant of Nego

Daniel 1:8 NLT: 8 But **Daniel was determined not to defile himself by eating the food and wine given to them by the king.** He asked the chief of staff for permission not to eat these unacceptable foods.

Deuteronomy 8:11 NLT: Deuteronomy 8:11 NLT:

11 "But that is the time to **Be careful! Beware** that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today.

Romans 12:3b NLT: 3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, **I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.**

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Daniel 1:9-10 NLT: 9 Now God had given the chief of staff both respect and affection for Daniel. 10 But he responded, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has ordered that you eat this food and wine. If you become pale and thin compared to the other youths your age, I am afraid the king will have me beheaded."

Philippians 1:21

Galatians 2:20

Daniel 1:11-14 NLT: 11 Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Misrael, and Azariah. **12 "Please test us for ten days on a diet of vegetables and water," Daniel said. 13 "At the end of the ten days, see how we look compared to the other young men who are eating the king's food. Then make your decision in light of what you see."** 14 The attendant agreed to Daniel's suggestion and tested them for ten days.

Exodus 23:25 NLT: 25 "You must serve only the Lord your God. If you do, I will bless you with food and water, and I will protect you from illness.

Daniel 1:15-17 NLT: **15 At the end of the ten days, Daniel and his three friends looked healthier and better nourished than the young men who had been eating the food assigned by the king. 16 So after**

that, the attendant fed them only vegetables instead of the food and wine provided for the others.

17 God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for understanding every aspect of literature and wisdom. And God gave Daniel the special ability to interpret the meanings of visions and dreams.

Isaiah 30:18

V: 16-17

Daniel 3:1-7 NLT ...4 Then a herald shouted out, “People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king’s command! 5 When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar’s gold statue. 6 Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

Daniel 3:8-12

Daniel 3:13-15

Daniel 3:18 Do We Obey God?

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Faith: *Trusting and having full confidence in God and His Word!*

Hebrews 11:1-2 NLT: 1 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. 2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

2 Corinthians 5:7-8 NLT: 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Galatians 2:20 NLT: 20 I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

1 Samuel 15:22

V: 18

Daniel 3:19- 23 NLT 19 Then *Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-*

Nego. He spoke and commanded that they heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. 20 And he commanded certain mighty men of valor who were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.

21 Then these men were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore, because the king's command was urgent, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Daniel 3:24-25 NLT 24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?"

They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."

25 "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

Daniel 3:26-27 NLT 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. 27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

Daniel 3:28-30 NLT 28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! 29 Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.

Ephesians 1:17-18 NLT: 17 asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. 18 I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

Ephesians 1:19-21 NLT: 19 I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power 20 that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. 21 Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.

John 15:18-20 NLT: 18 "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. 19 The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you. 20 Do you remember what I told you? 'A slave is not greater than the master.' Since they persecuted me, naturally they will persecute you. And if they had listened to me, they would listen to you.

1 Peter 4:12-13 NLT: 12 Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 13 Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

Philippians 1:29-30 NLT: 29 For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. 30 We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.

Application:

- 1.** Remember That You Must Choose Between Compromise And Obedience.
- 2.** Remember That You Must Make The Choice To Obey Man Or Obey God.
- 3.** Remember That It Is Always Your Decision To Serve And Obey God, But As For Me And My House, We Will Serve The Lord!