

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

MORNING MESSAGE

“Living Godly in a Godless World

Daniel 1:8

- I. THE CRISIS OF DANIEL (vv.1-7)
  - A. The captivity of Daniel (vv.1-2)
  - B. The credentials of Daniel (vv.3-4)
    1. He was a boy – “children”
    2. He was a blue blood – “king’s seed”
    3. He was beautiful – “no blemish” and “well favored”
    4. He was brilliant – “skilfull in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science
  - C. The change of Daniel (vv.5-7)
    1. The king changed his diet (v.5)
    2. The king changed his deity (vv.6-7)
      - a. Daniel (God is my judge) to Belteshazzar (may Bel protect my life)
      - b. Hananiah (God is gracious) to Shadrach (illuminated by the sun)
      - c. Mishael (who is like God) to Meshach (who is like Venus)
      - d. Azariah (the Lord is my helper) to Abednego (the servant of Nego)
- II. THE COURAGE OF DANIEL (vv.8-14)
  - A. The convictions of Daniel (v.8)
    1. His resolve – “But Daniel purposed in his heart”
      - a. Proverbs 4:23, “Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life”
      - b. Proverbs 23:7, “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he”
    2. His rejection – “that he would not defile himself with the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank”
    3. His request – “therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself”

- a. Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger"

B. The conversation of Daniel (vv.9-16)

1. The relationship (v.9)
2. The response (v.10)
3. The reply (vv.11-14)
4. The result (vv.15-16)

III. THE COMPENSATION OF DANIEL (vv.17-21)

A. God gave him information (v.17)

B. God gave him invitation (vv.18-19)

C. God gave him inspiration (v.20)

D. God gave him influence (v.21)

1. Ezra 1:1-4
2. Jeremiah 25:11, "And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king in Babylon seventy years"
3. Jeremiah 29:10, "For thus saith the Lord, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place"