

IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 2

UNCOMPROMISING

Resolved to Stand When Worldviews Collide

(Daniel 1:3-21)

INTRODUCTION:

• PREVIOUSLY: LARGER TRUTHS IN DANIEL

1. God's Current Reign above it all.
2. God's Courageous Remnant through it all.
3. God's Coming Ruler over it all.

• THE CAPTIVES INTRODUCED:

"Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, the chief of his officials, to bring in some of the sons of Israel, including some of the royal family and of the nobles,... Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah."

—Daniel 1:3, 6

1A. THE CAPTIVES AND THEIR _____ : (v. 3-7)

"...and he ordered him to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans. The king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and appointed that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service... Then the commander of the officials assigned new names to them..."

1B. The Captives were confronted with...

- 1C. ... a new _____.
- 2C. ... a new _____.
- 3C. ... a new _____.
- 4C. ... a new _____.

2B. They could have...

- 1C. ... _____ their faith.
- 2C. ... _____ their faith.
- 3C. ... _____ their faith.

- **PRINCIPLE:** _____ to _____ and His _____ will bring you into _____ with the _____ of this _____.

2A. THE CAPTIVES AND THEIR _____ : (v. 8-10)

“But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself...”

—Daniel 1:8a

• PRINCIPLE: In order to compensate for the _____ from _____, there must be a _____ from _____.

• PRINCIPLE: _____ have no _____.

• PRINCIPLE: Convictions must be _____ by _____ before they are _____ to the _____. They must be _____ and _____ on God's _____.

3A. THE CAPTIVES AND THEIR _____ : (v. 11-16)

“But Daniel said to the overseer whom the commander of the officials had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, ‘Please test your servants for ten days...’”

—Daniel 1:11, 12a

• PRINCIPLE: When we _____, ...He will _____ us and _____ us.

4A. THE CAPTIVES AND THEIR _____ : (v. 17-21)

“As for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.”

—Daniel 1:17

• PRINCIPLE: God _____ those who _____ Him.

CONCLUSION: