

GOD IS MY JUDGE (Part 1)

Daniel 1:3-21

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Immersion tactics used by Nebuchadnezzar to indoctrinate the gifted youth (1:3-7):

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Consider the meaning of their Hebrew names and their targeted, theological re-naming:

- Daniel: *God is my Judge* → Belteshazzar: *Bel (aka Baal), protect the king/his life*
 - *Biblical Affirmations of Daniel's Historicity and Authorship (responses to objections)*
 - i. Ezekiel (Daniel's contemporary in exile) – Ezekiel 14:12-15, 20
 - ii. Clearly referred to as a "Prophet" in Hebrews 11:32-34
 - iii. An affirmation from our Lord Jesus – Matthew 24:15-16
- Hananiah: *The Lord is gracious* → Shadrach: *the command of Aku (a Babylonian moon god)*
- Mishaël: *Who is like the Lord?* → Meshach: *who is like Aku?*
- Azariah: *The Lord is my Helper* → Abed-nego: *servant of Nego (aka Nebo, god of vegetation)*

12 Exemplary Marks of Living with Uncompromising Convictions (1:8-17):

1. _____ **of the World's Strategies** ~ Clearly, although young, Daniel was not naïve to the world's strategies to deconstruct his faith and dethrone God.
2. _____ **in the Inner Self (8a)** ~ "...Daniel set in his heart..."
3. _____ **to a Violated Conscience (8b)** ~ "...to not defile himself..."
4. _____ **for Human Authority (8c)** ~ "...he sought permission..."
5. _____ **of God's Sovereignty (9)** ~ "...GOD granted Daniel lovingkindness and compassion..."
6. _____ **to Give In (10-11)** ~ "...BUT Daniel said to the overseer"
7. _____ **in Making Requests (12-13a)** ~ "...Please test your servants for ten days...Then let our appearance be observed..."
8. _____ **to Pay the Price (13b)** ~ "...deal with your servants according to what you see..."
9. _____ **to Follow Through (14-16)** ~ they were serious about living out their convictions as seen by the fact that they stuck to the diet they proposed.
10. _____ **on One Another (14-16)** ~ Notice that what this band of brothers did, they did **together** (cf. also Dan. 2:17-18)
11. _____ **of Credit to God (17)** ~ "And as for these youths, God gave them knowledge and insight..."
12. _____ **for God as the Ultimate Judge** ~ Clearly, Daniel lived with a controlling awareness of the truth embedded in his Hebrew name ~ "GOD IS MY JUDGE!"