

Heroes of Faith 4: Danny

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I. From Prince to Palace Servant — Demoted

Daniel 1:1, 3, 5–8 (NIV) 1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it ... **3** Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring into the king's service some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility ... **5** The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. **6** Among those who were chosen were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. **7** The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego. **8** But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.


 Real life takes _____

II. God's Hand

Daniel 1:9–10, 17 (NIV) 9 Now **God had caused** the official to show **favor and compassion** to Daniel, **10** but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." ... **17** To these four young men **God gave knowledge and understanding** of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds.

 God's plan is worthy of your _____

"Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes" - Daniel 4:17, 25, 32, 34-35

 God is _____

"Relying on God has to start all over every day, as if nothing has yet been done." – C. S. Lewis

III. Understanding Daniel

- He was young (16) when he was taken _____
- He is always spoken of in positive terms in Scripture
- His Book deals with dreams in 9 of the 12 chapters
- He is known for his faith, _____, courage, prophecy, consistency, and lack of compromise
- Daniel is made the third-in-charge of the Kingdom
- The angel Gabriel visits Daniel twice (Dan 8:15; 9:21)
- Daniel is an example of a righteous person

Ezekiel 14:12–14 (NIV) 12 The word of the Lord came to me: **13** "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out my hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its people and their animals, **14** even if these three men—Noah, Daniel and Job—were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign Lord.


 God looks at a _____ and not just one _____

IV. Our Prayers are Needed

Daniel 6:4–5 (NIV) 4 At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. **5** Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

 _____ was made illegal

Daniel 9:2–3 (NIV) 2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. **3** So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

 The power of _____

This Week's Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

- Sat** Rest
- Sun** Song 1-4
- Mon** Song 5-8
- Tue** John 1-2
- Wed** John 3
- Thur** John 4-5
- Fri** John 6
- Sat** Rest