The Daniel Dilemma Part 3 - The War On Worship

Big Idea

It's clear that culture is shifting all around us. As Christians, how can we live a godly life in an ungodly age? Daniel and the Israelites faced this same challenge during the Babylonian exile. The book of Daniel reveals to us principles that help us remain steady, even as culture around us changes.

This week, Pastor Ryan walked us through Daniel chapters 3 & 6. There we discover the value of standing firm in our worship. Thankfully, the enemy Satan has not changed his strategy and therefore it is easy to see when he is working against us. His goal is to shape our worship or prevent it all together. With that insight we take a cue from Daniel and his friends in remaining firm in the worship of our God.

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will **worship** the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

John 4:23

Discussion

(Read Daniel 3 & 6 as the overview for this week's discussion)

- 1. Discuss what the three Israelites did when they said "our God is able to rescue us, but even if He doesn't, we will worship Him alone." Can you still worship God even if He doesn't do what you expect of Him?
- 2. Satan has always had two primary goals. First, to exalt man above God, and second, to stop the worship of God. What are we seeing in our culture that fulfills those two goals of the enemy? How can we overcome it as believers in this culture?
- 3. Discuss the three ways you can worship God according to Mark 12:30.
- 4. What we give our attention to the most is probably the thing we're most likely to worship above God. What do you think about the most?
- 5. If the time comes to take your stand for whom you will worship, are you prepared to take that stand? The test of worship is coming. Discuss what that might look like and how you will pass the test.

Prayer Focus

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything to you that you've worshipped above God. Have you worshipped sports, hobby, work, or even family above God? Ask the Lord to reveal it to you and then make a decision to worship Jesus above everything.

Next Steps

Choose to take your worship to a new level. However you express worship, choose to give God more of your affection, attention, and abilities than ever before.

Act On It

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