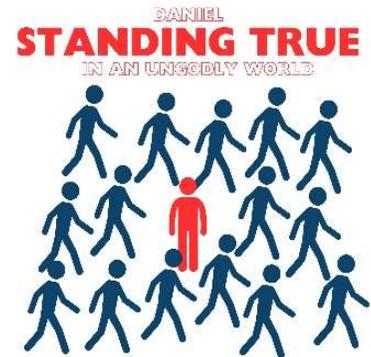# Standing True without Compromise – Daniel 1

Main characters of our study and their designated Babylonian names:

Daniel ("God is my judge") ➡ Belteshazzar ("Bel's prince" , the chief god of Babylon)

Hananiah ("God has favored") ➡ Shadrach (reference to the sun-god of Babylon)

Mishael ("who is what God is") ➡ Meshach (reference to the goddess of earth)

Azariah ("Jehovah has helped") ➡ Abednego (reference to the fire-god)

What was the Compromise?

1. The foods they were given violated the Jewish dietary restrictions. (Leviticus 11:2-8)

2. What does the Bible say about compromising in spiritual matters?

    (Exodus 20: 2-6, Exodus 34:14-15, Deuteronomy 5:32)

3. Is compromise okay in interpersonal relationships?

    - Yes, being willing to find the middle of the road in <u>matters not pertaining to the Bible</u> is often a way to avoid unnecessary conflict.

How did Daniel handle the issue?

1. He "resolved" that he would not defile himself. (v. 8)

    - "Resolve" = to set in place, a direction

    - This was a decision that he made before a compromising situation arose.

2. He was respectful to his authority.

    - He asked, not demanded. (v.8, 13)

    - He offered a good alternative. (vv. 12-13)

3. He was willing to submit to his authority and trust God for the outcome. (v. 13)

What if I don't compromise and it ends badly for me?

1. Expect opposition when standing for God! (John 15:18-19, Ephesians 6:10-12)

2. Remember God's plan is good, no matter how things feel. (Romans 8:28-29, James 1:2-4)

3. Ask God for wisdom. (James 1:5)

4. Fully trust in God and hold an eternal perspective.

    - 2 Corinthians 1:5, 1 Peter 5:7

    - Romans 8:28-29, 1 Corinthians 2:9

What Now?

1. We are tempted to compromise against God's Word every day. It is our job to ask God for wisdom to know where we can and where we should not.

2. Ask God to show you if there is a good alternative. If there is not one, then trust God and stand true to His Word.