



DANIEL AND THE END TIME

Lesson 2 for April 14, 2018

**Daniel,
Hananiah,
Mishael and
Azariah are an
example of the
believers living
in the End Time
as Revelation
foretold.**



Be faithful

- Daniel 1



Be humble and rely on God

- Daniel 2



Stand up for your beliefs

- Daniel 3



Acknowledge God (be born again)

- Daniel 4



**Worship God in every
circumstance**

- Daniel 6

**"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much."
(Luke 16:10)**

Daniel "resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine" (Daniel 1:8 NIV). His three friends seconded that decision.

God rewarded their loyalty in that decision with "understanding of all kinds of literature and learning." (Daniel 1:17)

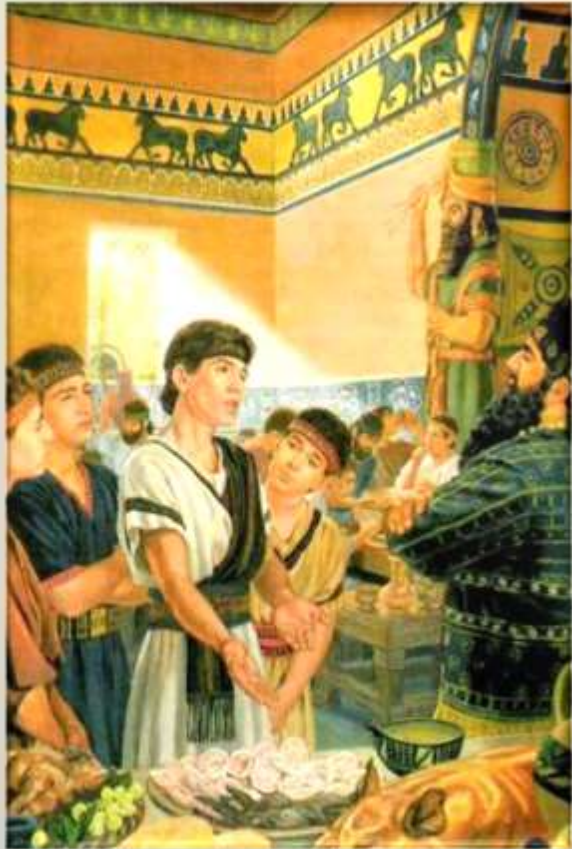
BE FAITHFUL



Being faithful in small decisions made them ready to face the big trials that came later.

We must be faithful in the small battles of our lives NOW. Then we'll be able to remain faithful in the End Time. We'll remain faithful in every circumstance only if we cling to Jesus.





“What if Daniel and his companions had made a compromise with those heathen officers, and had yielded to the pressure of the occasion by eating and drinking as was customary with the Babylonians? That single instance of departure from principle would have weakened their sense of right and their abhorrence of wrong. Indulgence of appetite would have involved the sacrifice of physical vigor, clearness of intellect, and spiritual power. One wrong step would probably have led to others, until, their connection with Heaven being severed, they would have been swept away by temptation...”

BE HUMBLE AND RELY ON GOD

"I thank You and praise You, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the king's demand." (Daniel 2:23)

Daniel didn't know the dream or the interpretation. He showed humility and dependence on God.



He turned to God in prayer.
He relied fully on God
(Daniel 2:17-18)



He gave glory to God as soon as he received the dream
(Daniel 2:19-23)



He was humble before the king and gave credit to God
(Daniel 2:27-28)

Let's show the same humility and dependence Daniel showed by praising the cross of Christ instead of ourselves.



STAND UP FOR YOUR BELIEFS

"But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:18 NIV)

The only certainty on the plain of Dura was that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego wouldn't transgress God's law.

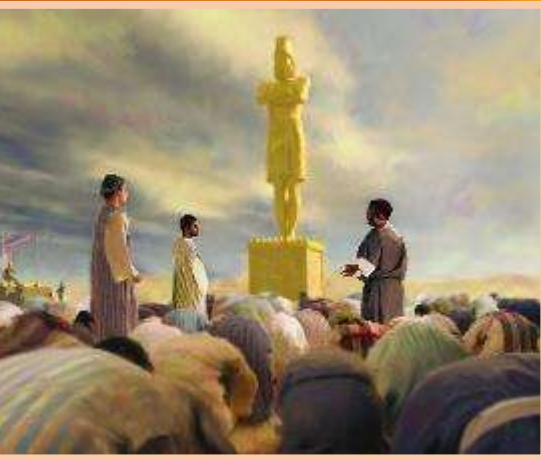
Daniel 3

- "the king made an image of gold" (v. 1)
- "and whoever does not fall down, and worship shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (v. 11)

Revelation 13

- "to make an image to the beast" (v. 14)
- "and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed" (v. 15)

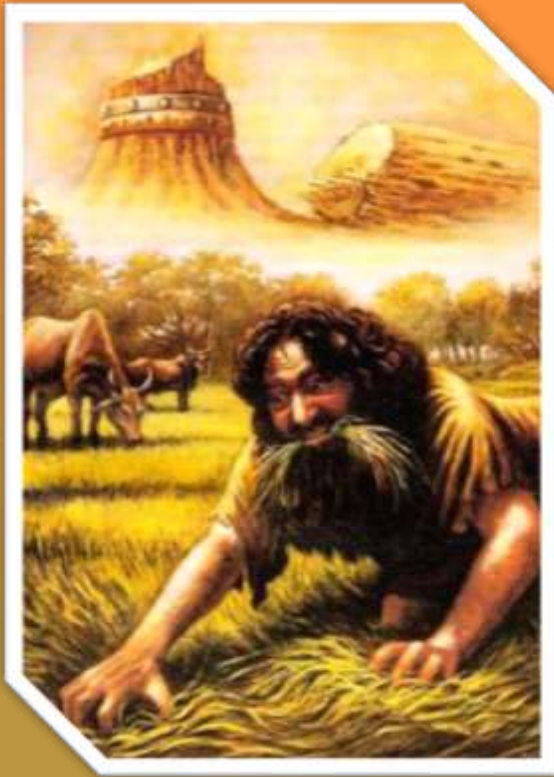
Am I willing to defend the teachings of the Bible even when my life, work, freedom or friends are threatened?



ACKNOWLEDGE GOD (BE BORN AGAIN)

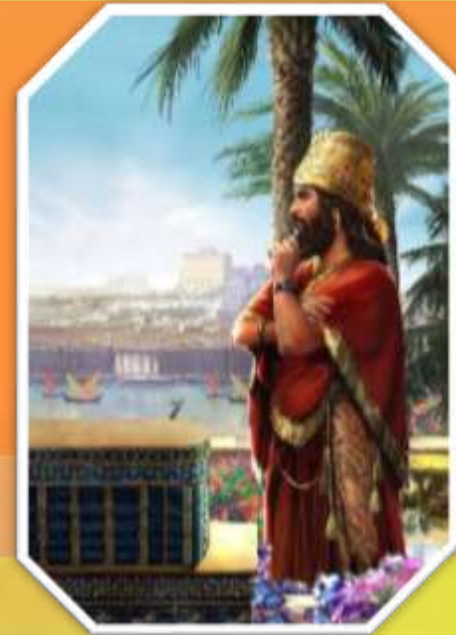
“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.” (Daniel 4:37)

God used Daniel and his friends to show His power and wisdom to Nebuchadnezzar, and he acknowledged Him as a great god (Daniel 2:47; 3:28-29). Nevertheless, he didn't make Daniel's God his God.



The king only acknowledged God's power and authority over his life after his pride was brought down by the Holy Spirit (Daniel 4:34-37)

Many will turn to God in the End Time as Nebuchadnezzar did. The power of the Holy Spirit in the “latter rain” and our testimony will result in many conversions as never before (Revelation 18:1)



WORSHIP GOD IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

“So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, ‘May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you.’” (Daniel 6:16 NLT)



Why did Daniel keep praying publicly instead of doing it privately to avoid the death sentence?

If he had prayed to God privately in that moment, he would've been honoring king Darius.

In the End Time, “the beast” will be worshipped by the inhabitants of the Earth. If we remain silent and worship privately, we will be rejecting God.

Daniel didn't begin to pray in that moment, but he kept doing what he used to do.

God has given us some time to get into the habit of being faithful. Then, He will strengthen us in the day when persecution and death come.



“We are to stand firm as a rock to the principles of the word of God, remembering that God is with us to give us strength to meet each new experience. Let us ever maintain in our lives the principles of righteousness, that we may go forward from strength to strength in the name of the Lord. [...] he enemy is seeking to becloud the discernment of God’s people, and to weaken their efficiency; but if they will labor as the Spirit of God shall direct, He will open doors of opportunity before them for the work of building up the old waste places. Their experience will be one of constant growth, until the Lord shall descend from heaven with power and great glory to set His seal of final triumph upon His faithful ones.”

E.G.W. (Counsels for the Church, ch. 66, p. 357)