

## **Honoring God - Daniel 6:25-28.**

The Book of Daniel follows a familiar pattern. God's people stand firm in their faith, God honors and protects them through trials, and the testimony of God's work makes the ungodly see and tell of the greatness of God.

- i. Daniel and his four friends stood firm and the results were visible to all.

**Daniel 1:20** - *And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.*

- ii. Daniel boldly and wisely interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's dream and king honored him and his God

**Daniel 2:46-47** - *Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret."*

- iii. Mishael, Hananiah, and Azariah stood firm and Nebuchadnezzar honoured God.

**Daniel 3:28-30**- *Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!" "Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon.*

- iv. Daniel boldly told Nebuchadnezzar the truth and the king humbled himself and honoured God

**Daniel 4:34-37** - *And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever: For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven*

*and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, "What have You done?"*

- v. Daniel stood firm and boldly told Belshazzar the truth and the king honored him.

**Daniel 5:29** - *Then Belshazzar gave the command, and they clothed Daniel with purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.*

The point is plain: when we stand firm in godly convictions and honor God even when it costs us, others will see the testimony and honor God.

– Praying – Praising – Persistence – Prosperity.

**Matthew 5:13-16** - *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**2 Chronicles 16:9a** - *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*

**- Salt is a preservative, prevents corruption from getting worse.**

**- Light gives the gift of guidance, so that those who have lost their way can find the path home.**

*"Jesus never challenged us to become salt or light. He simply said that we are - and we are either fulfilling or failing that given responsibility." Guzik*

*"A key thought in both the pictures of salt and light is distinction. Salt is needed because the world is rotting and decaying and if our Christianity is also rotting and decaying, it won't be any good. Light is needed because the world is in darkness, and if our Christianity imitates the darkness, we have nothing to show the world. To be effective we must seek and display the Christian distinctive. We can never affect the world for Jesus by becoming like the world." Guzik*

**"The object of our shining is not that men may see how good we are, nor even see us at all, but that they may see God in us, and thus desire to honor Him too.**