

Christ and Culture – Part Four: Says Who?

Daniel 1

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1. Because they turned their back on him, God allowed Judah to be conquered by Babylon (Daniel 1:2)

Application:

- God can bring harsh judgment on entire nations.
- Faithfulness to God doesn't guarantee that he'll spare you from hardship.

2. King Nebuchadnezzar implemented a leadership training program for some of the captives (Daniel 1:3-7)

Application:

- God can accomplish his purpose through you despite oppressive circumstances.
3. At great personal risk, Daniel resolved that he would not violate God's law (Daniel 1:8-16)

Application:

- Comfort can breed compromise.
- Obedience is a non-negotiable aspect of devotion to God.
- Costly obedience requires leaving the outcome to God.

4. God responded by protecting and elevating Daniel and his four companions (1:17-21)

Application:

- Heeding God's commands doesn't guarantee future success or recognition.
- Your obedience will position you so God can bless you for it.