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Lesson 4 June 23, 2026

**DANIEL'S FAITH AND TRUST IN
GOD**

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Proverbs 3:4-5
- ❖ Matthew 24:15-28
- ❖ Daniel 2:32-43
 - ❖ 9:27, 11:31, 12:11

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Daniel 1:3-21

Guided Questions

1. Why was Daniel in Babylon?
2. Why did the King choose him and the other young men for special treatment?
3. How did Daniel know that the King's special treatment was not good for him and his friends?
4. How did he deal with this treatment?
5. What was the result of Daniel's faith and trust in God?

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Background Reading

Proverbs 3:4-5

4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Matthew 24:15-28

15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

17 Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house:

18 Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

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Matthew 24:15-28

19 And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not.

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Background Reading

Matthew 24:15-28

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

25 Behold, I have told you before.

26 Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not.

27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

28 For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

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Background Reading

Daniel 2:32-43

32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

36 This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

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Background Reading

Daniel 2:32-43

38 And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.

42 And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.

43 And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay.

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Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Daniel 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

Daniel 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 1:3-21

3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 1:3-21

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

9 Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.

10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

11 Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

12 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink.

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Daniel 1:3-21

13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

14 So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 1:3-21

18 Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king enquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

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Central Verse

Daniel 2:21 (KJV)

“And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he gives wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to the m that know understanding.”

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INTRODUCTION

The Book of Daniel starts out trying the faith and trust of the young man Daniel and his friends when they were taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon under Nebuchadnezzar's reign. This first invasion happened when Daniel was just a teenager. It was part of the captivity that Jeremiah prophesied about when he told Israel that they would be held in captivity for at least 70 years.

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INTRODUCTION

Daniel's name means "God is my judge." He was one of the major prophets that prophesied during a very turbulent time in the lives of God's people. Daniel understood that he was chosen by God and had an extraordinary purpose. Therefore, he was willing to tune in to the will of God and, because of this favor from God, God was able to change the minds of the master eunuch and the King to honor Daniel.

When God's favor is upon a believer, good comes their way, and odds get turned in their favor. Even though Daniel and his friends were held in captivity, God's unmerited favor still opened doors of opportunities for them and propelled them to success.

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DISCUSSION

During the beginning of the Book of Daniel is the story of Daniel and his friends. They were deported from Jerusalem to Babylon because God had given Nebuchadnezzar victory over the Israelite King, Jehoiakim. Though Israel was taken into captivity, they did not see themselves as being conquered, they knew that God always caused His children to triumph in Christ Jesus, so they felt that they were conquerors ([Romans 8:37](#)).

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DISCUSSION

Nebuchadnezzar had spoken to Ashpenaz, the master of his eunuchs, instructing him to bring certain people from the children of Israel, of the King's seed, and of the princes – children with no blemish who were well-favored, wise, and knowledgeable, with a good understanding of science. He wanted those who had the ability to stand in the King's palace and teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.

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The King also had appointed them a daily portion of his meat and wine. He wanted them to eat and drink this for 10 days and then be brought back in front of him. But Daniel knew that the King's food and drink had been offered to idols, so he purposed in his heart not to eat anything from the King's table. Daniel had found favor from the head eunuch, so he requested for him and his three friends to go for 10 days only eating "pulse" and water. The eunuch consented and allowed them to do so. At the end of the 10 days, they were checked and found to be in better health than all the other young men who had eaten the King's food. At the end of the three years, Daniel and his other friends – the three Hebrew boys – were 10 times better than the others, because they had trusted in God, who gave them favor.

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DISCUSSION

God has given every believer faith and just as Daniel's faith held and kept him during his challenges, God sees and knows the times that each one lives in. He can keep each believer from falling and present them faultlessly before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy ([Jude 1](#)).

It is important that every believer have a good relationship with God. Daniel did not choose to be taken away from his home to Babylon, but it happened. He was away from his parents and close relatives, but he knew that wherever he would have to go, God would be with him. Because Daniel and his three friends were committed to God, God was committed to them. When believers endeavor to be faithful to God and His ways, know that He will remain with them and give them the help and grace needed to accomplish His will.

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DISCUSSION

At the final examination, Daniel and the three Hebrew boys stood healthy and unafraid before the King. They remained faithful to God and, by their demonstration of wisdom and knowledge, they gave testimony to the power of God.

[Matthew 5:16](#) tells the believer to let his light shine before men, that they may see his good works and bring glory to the Father in Heaven. The Bible says that the people who know their God shall be strong and shall do great exploits.

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DISCUSSION

More numerous than the sands on the shore are the Father's thoughts of love towards each believer, because they are His beloved children. And when He is pleased with believers like He was with Daniel and his friends, He gives an invitation for each believer to encounter the perfect, stunning nature of His love. For in His love, there is no striving and no fear; for they are being held in the palm of His hand.

Daniel and his friends were taught that, when they could not get to the temple in Jerusalem, to instead turn and look toward Jerusalem to pray. God would never forget nor leave them. God reminds believers that in the midst of peril, the just shall live by their faith, and because of that, God will unveil His principles and precepts for each believer to follow.

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CONCLUSION

Daniel and the children of Israel had to make major adjustments to their lifestyles as they lived and survived in a foreign land. They had to trust in the Lord with all their hearts. Though the Jews suffered greatly and faced powerful cultural pressures in a foreign land, they maintained their national spirit and religious identity. It was a time when their faith in God was tried, but the believers knew then, as we do now, that the trying of their faith would work patience, and patience experience, and experience hope, and hope made them unashamed, because the Spirit of the Lord was with His people. By the time the captivity ended, Daniel was an old man, but God kept him and he continued to obey God during each season of his life.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**When a person as God, they have everything
that they need.**

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**The Lives of the Three Hebrew Boys –
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