

Thriving with Daniel, pt 1

Daniel 1

Man proposes, God disposes

Background

Resolve not to defile (1-8)

Defile =

Point ⇒ acculturate, assimilate, expunge

Acculturation can look good

Need: choose to refuse

In Christ, aren't we free?

“God does not give us the freedom to do what we want, but to want what we ought.”

Seeking God's favor (9-16)

Favor = *hesed* (lovingkindness; loyal love)

Sourced in God

Problem: fearing the wrong things

Receive God's gifts (17)

No “1 size fits all”

Wisdom and understanding (see Prov 2:6-7; 9:10)

Why do world leaders often seem so foolish?

Drop the demands, pride and jealousy

God's ability eclipses that of the Evil One (18-21)

Five different terms for occultic/Satanic practice

Paul warns us of the schemes of Satan:

2 Corinthians 2:11

Ephesians 6:11

Wisdom from Oswald Sanders

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