



Sunday Sermon Notes: October 04, 2020

Make your decisions about who God is in advance of when you need to Daniel 1:1-21

1) You can only reject God's counsel so long before the price comes due. v. 1-6

605 BC – the year of a sinful king, a powerful invader and a fulfilled prophecy

- A. Jehoiakim was a sinful king.
- B. Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful invader.
- C. Led by the Spirit of God, Jeremiah had foretold the fall was coming.
- D. Protected by the Spirit of God, Daniel and his contemporaries were taken to Babylon

2) Whose / which authority matters most? God or Culture? You must decide in advance – v. 8-10

Far from home and in a strange land, Daniel and his friends faced a difficult choice: Compromise with culture or Conviction of God's truth?

- A. Cultural Compromise would've been easier.
 - Social Pressure called for compromise
 - Peer Pressure called for compromise
 - Cultural Pressure called for compromise
- B. What was wrong with the king's food?

Godly Conviction demanded a clear line of authority.

Seven Types of Authority:

- 1. Tradition
- 2. History
- 3. Law
- 4. Science
- 5. Culture
- 6. People
- 7. Experience

But Daniel had already decided WHO His ultimate authority was!

OUR ULTIMATE AUTHORITY: GOD'S WORD

- A. The Inspiration of God's Word
- B. The Infallibility of God's Word
- C. The Impression of God's Word

Another option Daniel didn't have: withdrawal.

3) Trusting God in the details and finding His faithfulness is enough – v. 11-20

Daniel's request: Test us for 10 days

- A. The test Daniel requested was obvious
- B. The test was one of Daniel's discipline.
- C. The test gave God a chance to show off.
- D. The test transformed Daniel's culture.