

Daniel, a man was raised in a foreign empire

Dan 1, 6

Grace Hymn 172 (I have decided to follow Jesus),

Praise 45 (Thank you Lord)

Today's Lesson



- 1 We will learn the determination of Daniel, who observed the law of faith and religious belief in any circumstance.
- 2 We can find God lifts us up when observing principles of religious faith daily.



Opening Mind

Let's read Kkeoppittan Lee:

Kkeoppittan means captain, Jeon gwang yong's short story.



1. Summarize how Dr. Lee Inbuk, the main character, lived dealing with an upheaval and tumultuous era.

2. What do you think of his attitude about life? And if you lived in the same period as he did, what would you decide to do and how would you behave?

Understanding the Lesson



In the 3rd year of the reign of Jehoiakim, the boy king of Judah, Daniel, was lead out to Babylon with some of the Israelites from the royal family and other nobility. Daniel learned the language and literature of the Bylonians there. And he was put in harsh environments in which he couldn't serve God. Even his name was changed from Daniel, which meant the Lord is my judge, to Belteshazzar, the man who gives kindness of Babel.

But Daniel, when he was young, resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine with his friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azarich. No matter what the temptations and tests, he lived a godly life, kept the principles of faith, and didn't compromise with the world. He even got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God three times a day in his room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem, just as he had done before, when he heard that King Dariusg established a decree that no one could pray to any god or man except to him and anyone who prayed to any god or man will be thrown into the lions' den. God preserved Daniel and raised him up over all the other people.

He worked as an administer in the foreign empire for as much as 70 years, until King Cyrus of Persia through King Darius of Medes as well as Babylon. It meant he was able to continute taking the highest positions although it was during a turbulent period in history where kings and statues of the empire changed numerous times. It makes us so surprised to think his status was as a captive at that time.

Engraving the lesson in your mind



Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. (Dan 6:10)

Lesson Summary



Meditating the Words

1. Read and meditate the following words and create titles or summarize their contents. You can also describe your impression or tell key clauses of them.

(Dan 1:8-12)

(Dan 6:1-4)

(Dan 6:19-23)

2. Let's read Revelation 11:12-13. What kind of relationship do you think is between the circumstances and a life of faith? What does God mention about it?



Changing Your Thoughts

1. One's thoughts, behavioral principles, and standards are called values or paradigm. What is your paradigm? What judgment do you have as the basis when you make a decision?

2. What is Daniel's key to being a successful leader for a long time? What's the difference between his key to being a successful leader with the world today?

3. Let's think about Daniel's principles and results. What principle of faith will you not compromise with the world?

Ex) going to the church every Sunday under any circumstance, and/or reading the Holy Bible everyday even if you are tremendously busy?



Applying the Words to the Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also_Jam 2:26

1. Write down how to apply the today's lesson to the life.

First

Second.

Third.

2. Review the last week's items and evaluate them.

Praying to Follow the Words

You should believe that all things around you are given under God's protection in any hard circumstances, and pray to lead a religious life without compromising.





Our Anecdotes

Encountering God

His Words are so clear



He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities, You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea
_Mic 7:19

*William Wilberforce,
the Britain's conscience*

Parable

"God almighty set two big goals before me, one is to abolish the slave trade, the other is to reform conventionalities." (from the diary of William Wilberforce)



Last 18th century, The British had the world's leading naval and merchant ships. It had a key role to take the African American and bring them to North America. It supplied France, Spain, and the British colonies with about three million slaves until 1776. At that time, slave trade was the basis and mainstay of the colonial business of the British, also it provided indispensable basis of recruitment to the British navy. Proponents of the slave trade, who consisted of powerful merchant, conglomerates, the people of the colonies establishment such as Admiral Nelson, most of the royal family, and nobility, dismissed any opposition to the slave trade as selling their country. The slave trade was truly the organizational contradiction.

But Wilberforce had arguments with a council about the slave trade more than 150 times and claimed that the British had to obey the law of God to be truly a great country. And he cautioned that the British could not survive if it persists in the slave trade with being blinded by the golden. So he suffered from treats of assassination, all sorts of mudslinging, and slanders. But he was firm in his convictions. He continued the lonely and long fight with support of a lot of meaningful pastors and laity in the British.

On July 27, 1833, the bill, which abolished the slave trade permanently, was passed by the Parliament. It happened in 56 years after Wilberforce had set an aim before God. He also reformed every corrupt parts of the British society in process of making the abolition of slavery come true. Many people in the British were moved by his devoted efforts to reform the British society, so he was called the Britain's conscience. One third of young parliamentarians became evangelical Christians under the influence of him.



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