

## ***Daniel - An Exemplary Life (Part 2)***

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*What can I learn from the ways that Daniel worshipped God?*

### **\*Daniel 3:1-7**

1) We Need To Be Aware Of Our Willingness To Worship Falsely

As human beings, we are *essentially spiritual* creatures at our core; so we were *created*, and *exist* in many ways, to worship.

Most people are either unaware, unconcerned or *unconvinced* about this - but as followers of Jesus, we can't afford to be.

Even within the walls of the American Church, false worship needs to be guarded against.

If we're at a particular church to *mostly* follow a certain music style, ministry, or a even a pastor - it will only be a matter of time before those things will collapse and expose one's *true motive*.

We need to understand proper worship (our focus is to be on *worshipping God*), as well as the *biblical* concept of the Body of Christ (*you are an important part!*).

Our propensity for false worship runs deep... Whether it's ourselves, our material goods, or our pleasures and entertainment.

The human heart is an idol-making factory.

### **\*Daniel 3:8-15**

2) True Worship Will Cost You; Are You Willing To Take A Stand?

Think about our brothers and sisters around the world today; is it only because of *geography* that they seem worse off?... Is it only because of their *culture*, their *family* and their *religious background*?... Or could it primarily be because they've truly encountered Jesus - so they *can't deny* Him.

As we *encounter* Christ and He becomes our everything, then we become more *willing* to pay the price - as we take our stand against the culture, against the *pressures* to conform. We even become aware of those who envy the *knowledge* of God in our *lives*. **\*2 Cor.2:14-16(a)**

### **\*Daniel 3:16-18**

3) True Worship Will Often Impart Boldness, Faith, And Resolve

As we come to know and love God, our worship will not merely be shown through our church attendance, song singing and our morality - but it will *also* be shown through our boldness, faith, and resolve.

These three traits are *important* in our Christian walk/life. Yet it's not so much about one's personality and temperament but rather - Who we know; it's about knowing and walking with God, as *He* gives us these qualities.

### **\*Daniel 3:19-30**

4) True Worship Provides Protection, Preeminence, And Prosperity

Preeminence - "*The fact of surpassing all others; superiority*" **\*Daniel 3:29c**

Nebuchadnezzar knew that there was *no other God* Who could deliver like this!