

Daniel - An Exemplary Life (Part 3)

Daniel 5+6 - August 20, 2017

What are some biblical principles that I can learn from the life of Daniel?

*Daniel 5:1-6 (et al.)

1) Those Who Are Self-Exalted, Will Be Humbled By God. *Prov.16:5
*Obadiah 1:3 *Prov. 16:18 *Prov. 18:12 *Gal.6:3 *James 4:10 *2
Cor.10:17+18

Human pride has devastating consequences; so as individuals and households, as His body/church (even as a nation) - may we remain humble all our days.

"We've vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom & virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we've become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming & preserving grace; & too proud to pray to the God that made us." - Abraham Lincoln

*Daniel 6:3-5

2) Those Who Are Faithful & Humble Toward God, Will Be Exalted

This could very well be in this life but certainly in the next, in the sense that, we will finally be fully healed, restored and made whole.

Faithfulness and humility toward God (as we live our daily lives), brings about great blessing, privilege and honor - especially if we're paying attention.

"As you travel down life's pathway, may this ever be your goal... Keep your eye upon the doughnut, and not upon the hole!"

Rather than concentrating on the trials of life, we should fix our attention upon its blessings. *Psalm 68:19

"The Father in heaven reminds us, that He 'daily bears our burden'."

*Daniel 6:6-10 (et al.)

3) We're To Honor The Lord In The Midst Of Our Adversaries And Our Adversities, Trusting That The Lord Will Honor Us In Time

We need to be willing to take some risks in our Christian walk if we're going to serve and please the Lord, which requires faith - without it, we cannot please Him.

We need to honor and trust God (having great faith in Him), in the midst of our adversities and adversaries - as He will 'prepare a table before (us) in the presence of (our) enemies'.

Be willing to take risks for the Lord if you want to be used greatly by Him. "You cannot discover new oceans, unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." *2 Timothy 1:7

God will almost always call you out of your comfort zone - if you're listening; do you hear Him?

*Daniel 6:16-23

4) Those Who Trust In Our Deliverer Will Be Delivered

There are *many* examples throughout human history, where God has delivered His people.

As we "constantly serve" our God - He tends to deliver.

*Daniel 6:24-28

God is exalted and glorified among the nations as we humbly and faithfully serve Him, and as we seek to honor and trust Him.