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THE SECRET TO SUCCESS WITH GOD

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PART 2: DANIEL – A MAN OF NO COMPROMISE

Is it possible for man to know how God thinks? **Isaiah 55-8-9**

We can catch glimpses of how God thinks by reading the Bible to find out what He likes and does not like. **Isaiah 57:15-21**

WHO DOES GOD PREFER?

The Bible says that God is not a respecter of persons but this reference has to do with salvation in that He is willing to save everyone. **Romans 2:11; Acts 10:34**

God revealed to the prophet Ezekiel there are some people He prefers over others; He did not say this just one time, but time and time again.

God stated He would send judgment to Israel. If Noah, Daniel or Job were in the country, they would be delivered through their righteousness, but they would not be able to deliver any of their families. **Ezekiel 14:12-20**

Since Noah, Daniel and Job pleased God, let's find out how they pleased Him.

DANIEL

Daniel did not have a happy childhood in that he was born toward the end of the kingdom of Judah and must have heard talk about a coming attack by Babylon as a child. His parents would have talked about the conflict between the King and his men versus the prophet Jeremiah. **Jeremiah 37:12-21**

He heard about the hate the political leaders had for Jeremiah. **Jeremiah 38:4-6**

As a young boy he would have learned that the prophet Jeremiah refused to compromise and deny the truth. **verses 14-28**

As a teenager he saw the city of Jerusalem fall and be ransacked. He heard of the execution of King Zedekiah's sons and how the king's eyes were burned with a hot iron before he was chained and taken to Babylon. **Jeremiah 39:1-8**

The temple of God was desecrated and burnt. **Jeremiah 52:12-15**

There were three removals of Jews from Jerusalem and Daniel was in the first group taken to Babylon. **verses 28-30; Daniel 1:1-4**

OBSTACLES DANIEL FACED

1. Daniel's homeland was invaded and became a province of the Babylonian Empire.
2. Thousands of Jews had been killed and the city of Jerusalem was in ruins.



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3. The Temple of God was destroyed and there was no more central priestly leadership.
4. Daniel was castrated and taken to Babylon to serve at the king's court.
5. Daniel's parents and siblings were lost and Daniel never saw them again.
6. It seemed that God did not exist or he had abandoned his people.

If any person had the right to be depressed and discouraged it would have been Daniel. All what was dear to him had been taken away from him.

DANIEL HAD FAITH IN GOD

The Bible doesn't tell us how Daniel got his faith in God, but as far as Daniel was concerned, God was not dead even if the temple did not exist and He was above circumstances, nations and kings. God is supreme and Daniel was determined in his heart not to compromise. **Daniel 1:5-8**

Just like with Joseph, God preferred Daniel. **verse 9**

Daniel believed that God would meet him if he stepped out in faith. **verses 10-15**

God met more than Daniel's needs. **verses 16-21**

DANIEL HAD NO FEAR

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him but could not remember it and when the Chaldeans, magicians and astrologers could not tell him the dream and its meaning, an order was given to kill them all, including Daniel and his friends. **Daniel 2:7-13**

Daniel had not received any instructions from the Lord but he went to Nebuchadnezzar in faith and asked for time to tell the dream and interpret it. **verses 14-16**

Together with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, they sought the Lord and He gave them the answer. **verses 17-19**

THANKING AND PRAISING GOD IS MANDATORY

Daniel did not have to praise the Lord; it was a choice because he loved God. **verses 20-23**

NO HESITATION

Once Daniel had taken time to worship the Lord, he announced with great boldness that he had the knowledge of the dream and ready to tell it to the king. Daniel knew that he would be killed on the spot if he was wrong. **verses 24-30**

Daniel was elevated by the king once he revealed the dream and the interpretation. **verses 46-48**

Daniel did not forget his friends. **verse 49**

NO COMPROMISE

Daniel grew older and became used to a great lifestyle with honor from the king. His position made other men envious compared to when he had come to Babylon with nothing but his life. Now that he was wealthy with servants to take care of all his needs, would Daniel risk losing his position?

The other political leaders plotted to get rid of Daniel out of envy. **Daniel 6:1-9**

Daniel was forbidden by law to pray to God for the next 30 days. Daniel could have been a normal politician and prayed in privacy but no one could stop him from openly worshiping and seeking the Lord; therefore, he opened his windows so that all could hear him praying and defying the king's decree on purpose.

verse 10

Daniel didn't know if God would spare him and he never begged the king to spare his life; instead, he was content to be thrown into the lion's den. **verses 14-18**

The decision to be thrown into the lion's den was made by Daniel when he opened his windows and started to pray!

God sent an angel to shut the mouths of the lions and no harm came to Daniel. **verses 19-23**

His enemies were destroyed. **verse 24**

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was elevated by a heathen king. **verses 25-28**

Daniel started with **FAITH IN GOD!**

Faith in God led Daniel to **HAVING NO FEAR!**

Having no fear led Daniel **NEVER TO COMPROMISE!**

Any believer in Christ can live a victorious life like Daniel. If you stand on the Word of God and proclaim your love for Him, nothing will be impossible. **Romans 8:28-31**

THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?