

RELYING ON GOD IN HUMILITY

Daniel 1:1-9

- Humility knows that **POSSESSION** is not **OWNERSHIP**.
- Humility knows that although you are **BLESSED**...you are not **ENTITLED**.
- Humility serves God with **LOYALTY** and **GRACIOUSNESS**.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Nathanael's first three points from the previous Sunday were:
 1. Remember that this is not our true home.
 2. Resolve to live for only one Judge
 3. Realize that in spite of appearances, God is in control.

Why are these real truths so difficult to transfer from belief into contentment when difficulties come our way?

2. If we were to pray: Father in heaven...do anything to me... take anything from me...remove me from what's comfortable and make my home anyplace you need me to be...for the sake of your plan and your glory.

What do we think will happen to us?

3. Verse 2 says that God gave Judah and vessels of the house of God into Nebuchadnezzar's hand. Why did he take the credit for all his power and wealth in Chapter 4:30?

4. When you read verses 3 – 7 and you understand all that Daniel and his three companions lost and were forced to do and become, how is it possible to trust God, and believe he is still in control, and not become angry and bitter? See also Job 1:21 – 22 and 2:9 - 10

5. Read Micah 6:6 – 8 and discuss the application of these verses to your everyday life.

6. Is it possible to hold fast to God's commands when the world operates completely contrary to those beliefs? How can we remain strong and courageous in an age where compromise is rampant? Read 1Cor 10:13 and discuss our role vs Gods role in temptation.



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