

To Whom Are You Listening?

Proclamation Life Groups; Daniel 1:1-21; Week of Sunday, October 14, 2018; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme: In the midst of exile, God raises up a prophet from among the people who is worthy, without blemish, and full of wisdom to proclaim the good news of God's future coming Kingdom. But the question must be answered, "Will we listen to Him?"

I. The Promise of a God's One True Prophet – Read Deuteronomy 18:15-22

- A. What are all the details that Moses promises about this future prophet?

- B. How do we know that a prophet is truly sent by God? If it is a true prophet, how are we commanded to respond to Him? Also, what is the consequence of not listening to Him?

II. The Picture of God's One True Prophet – Read Daniel 1:1-21

- A. What is the context of the book of Daniel? How is Deuteronomy 28:64-67 helpful in explaining and understanding the reason why the Israelites were in exile?

- B. What are all the things that Nebuchadnezzar does to assimilate Daniel into the Babylonian culture? Which would have been the most effective the temptation was being done to you?

- C. What action does Daniel take to keep himself from being defiled?

- D. As you read verses 17-21, what are the different ways in which Daniel is exalted in wisdom?

- E. As you think about all that we have learned about Daniel in chapter 1, what are all the ways in which he's a glorious picture of God's future once and forever prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ?

III. The Fulfillment of God's One True Prophet – Read and answer these questions!

- A. According to Philippians 2:5-11, in what ways did the Lord Jesus experience being exiled? In what ways did He experience a glorious exaltation as a result of being exiled?

- B. What passages are helpful in reminding you that Jesus was completely blameless and without sin? What passages highlight that He is the wisdom of God? (Hint: Col. 2:2 and 1 Cor. 1:24)

- C. How does Matthew 17:1-5 serve as confirmation that Jesus is the one true Prophet of God?

- D. In what areas of your life do you struggle in listening to Jesus and the Word of God? In what ways are you being seduced by the world? How is 1 John 2:15-17 a helpful warning for you?