“To Kneel or Not To Kneel, That is the Question!”

Isaiah 45:20-24
Controversy Over Symbols, Kneeling

...The sound of fabric ripping in public?

Issues tearing at the fabric of our society
* Confederate statues + flag
* **National anthem:**
  “To kneel, or not to kneel – that is the question!” - a twist from Hamlet.
The Problem With Symbols

“Beauty is in the eye of the beholder!”

National anthem kneeling is a disgrace; an affront to those in military service!

Vs.

Colin Kaepernick et al. = Is there “liberty and justice for all?”
Bible “Kneeling”- Isaiah 45:21-23

“And there is no other God besides Me, A righteous God and a Savior; There is none except Me. "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other. "I have sworn by Myself...That to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance....”
Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego – **Not to Kneel** Meant Furnace of Fire!

Daniel 3:1 – golden image created

Daniel 3:4-6 – All must fall in worship

“or else the fiery furnace”

Daniel 3:16 – 19 – The trio answers

Daniel 3:28 – Nebuchadnezzar believes!

“We will not bestow honor to a false god”
Daniel 6:10 – Kneel **Anyway**

In Spite of King Darius!

Daniel 6:3 – “extraordinary Daniel”

Daniel 6:4 – “those jealous set a trap; consequence = lions’ den”

Daniel 6:9-10 – “King Darius signs the law; Daniel becomes aware”

Daniel’s response = “Nothing between my soul and my Savior!”
Insights from Daniel

“To everything there is a season” (Eccl. 3:1).
* a time to kneel
* a time NOT to kneel

Determining factor – ultimately not culture, but convictions in the heart formed by Scripture! The Lord defines what is right and pleasing to Him, not culture!

(Romans 12:2)
Point of Kneeling: Bestows Honor and Subjection

“Kneel: Be in or assume a position in which the body is supported by a knee or the knees, as when praying or showing submission.”
(what kneeling means is implied)

Kaepernick: “I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of colour.”
1. Patiently Research Truth + Facts

Kaepernick vs. Tebow: same action (kneeling), different results
So Take **Careful Steps To Evaluate Truth**: **Consider the Source**!

Did Seahawks Michael Bennett burn flag? **No!**

Original photo shot in 2015 – a victory dance with NO flag!
Counsel From God’s Word

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry”

(James 1:19)

Healing = addressing the source of pain.
Disagreement Does Not Provide A Right to UnChrist-like Behavior

Such as:
* angry outbursts
* profanity-laced
* lying to advance your viewpoint

“Love your enemies / pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

To Whom Do You **Ultimately** Kneel?
Philippians 2:9-11 – “All will bow”

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”