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## **DANIEL CHAPTERS 1; 3; 6**

**Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah . . .  
Four young men pressured to compromise  
their faith but refused to do so!**



Daniel 1



Daniel 3



Daniel 6



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**What gave these young men  
their strength to defy a king,  
even in the face of death?**



Daniel 1



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## Reverence For God & His Word

Daniel feared God  
while the one over him  
feared the king - 1:8-10



Daniel 1

Refused to bow down  
to the king's image -  
3:16-18



Daniel 3

Prayed to God without  
fearing what men  
would do - 6:10-11



Daniel 6



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- Standing firm against the pressures to compromise our faith requires a healthy fear of God! (Acts 5:11; Mat 10:28)
- People who compromise with evil demonstrate they lack a healthy fear of the Lord! (Job 28:28; Jer 32:40)



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**Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup> *and* to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?





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**Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)**  
**<sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord *is***  
**the beginning of**  
**knowledge, *But* fools**  
**despise wisdom and**  
**instruction.**



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**Psalms 111:10 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His* *commandments*. His praise endures forever.





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**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>13</sup> Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. <sup>14</sup> For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.





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**Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.





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### Acts 4:19–20 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. <sup>20</sup> For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”





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### **Acts 5:5,11 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.  
... <sup>11</sup> So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.





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## Purpose / Resolve To Please God

Daniel purposed in his heart he would not defile himself - 1:8



Daniel 1

Will NOT serve your gods, nor worship the image - 3:16-18



Daniel 3

Daniel prayed knowingly violating the law - 6:10-11



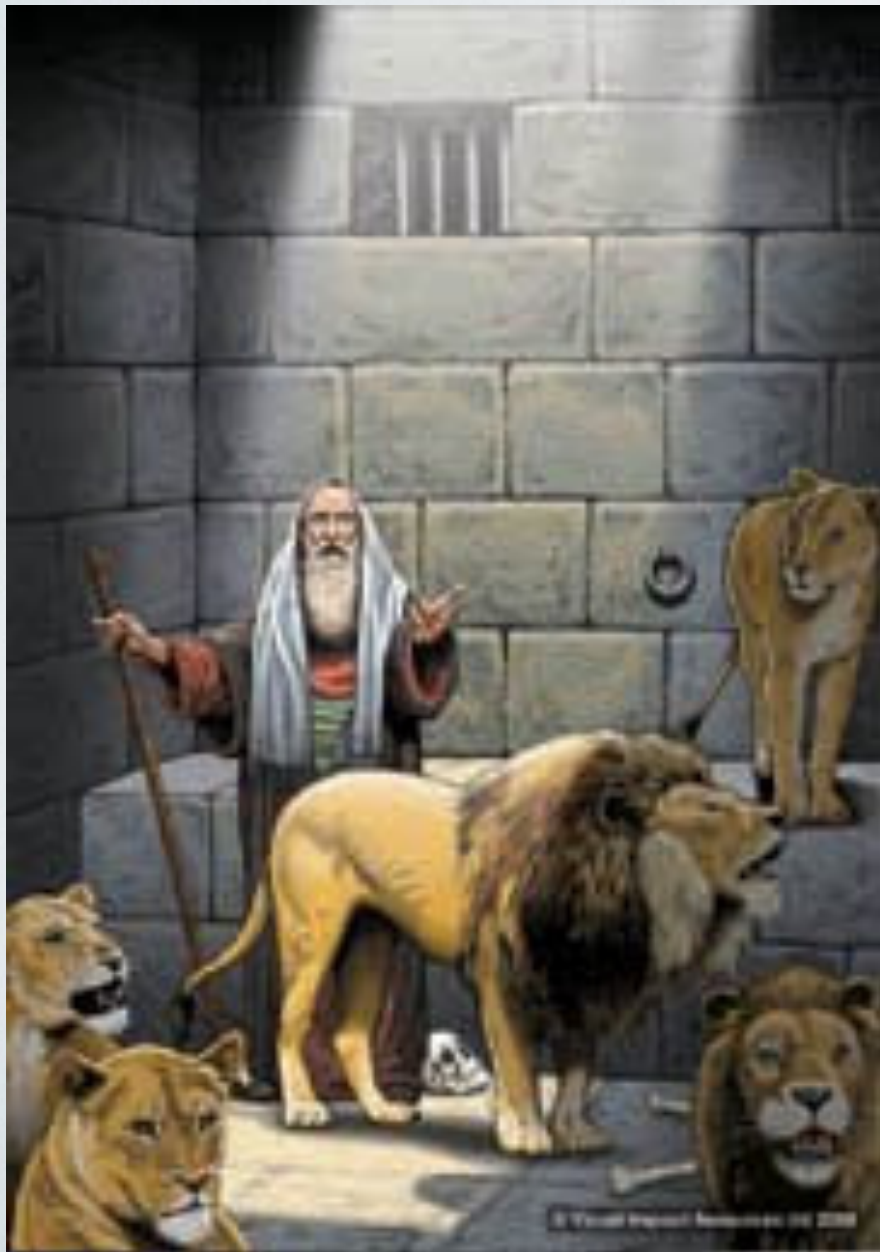
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- **No one will successfully resist the worlds pull without purpose & resolve** (Job 31:1; Ps 119:106,112, 115; Jos 24:15; Acts 11:23)
- ▶ No one will accidentally get to heaven (Mt 7:13,14; 2 Pt 1:5-10)
- ▶ Not merely good intentions, but intentional obedience (Jos. 24:15)
- ▶ We **MUST KEEP** our commitment (Ex. 19:8; 24:7; Ac 11:23; 2 Pt 2:20)
- ▶ God will help (1 Cor. 10:13)



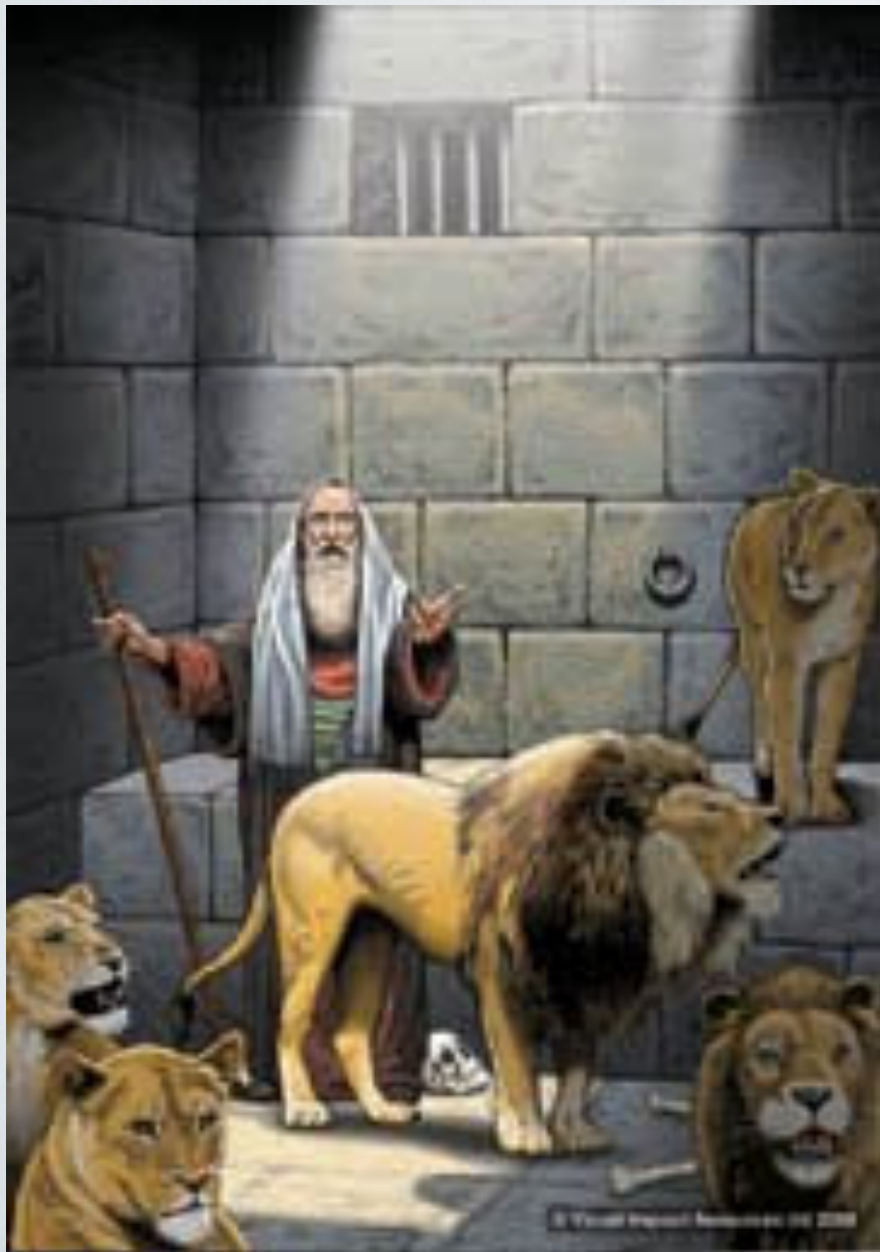
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**Hebrews 6:11–12 (NKJV)**

<sup>11</sup> And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, <sup>12</sup> that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

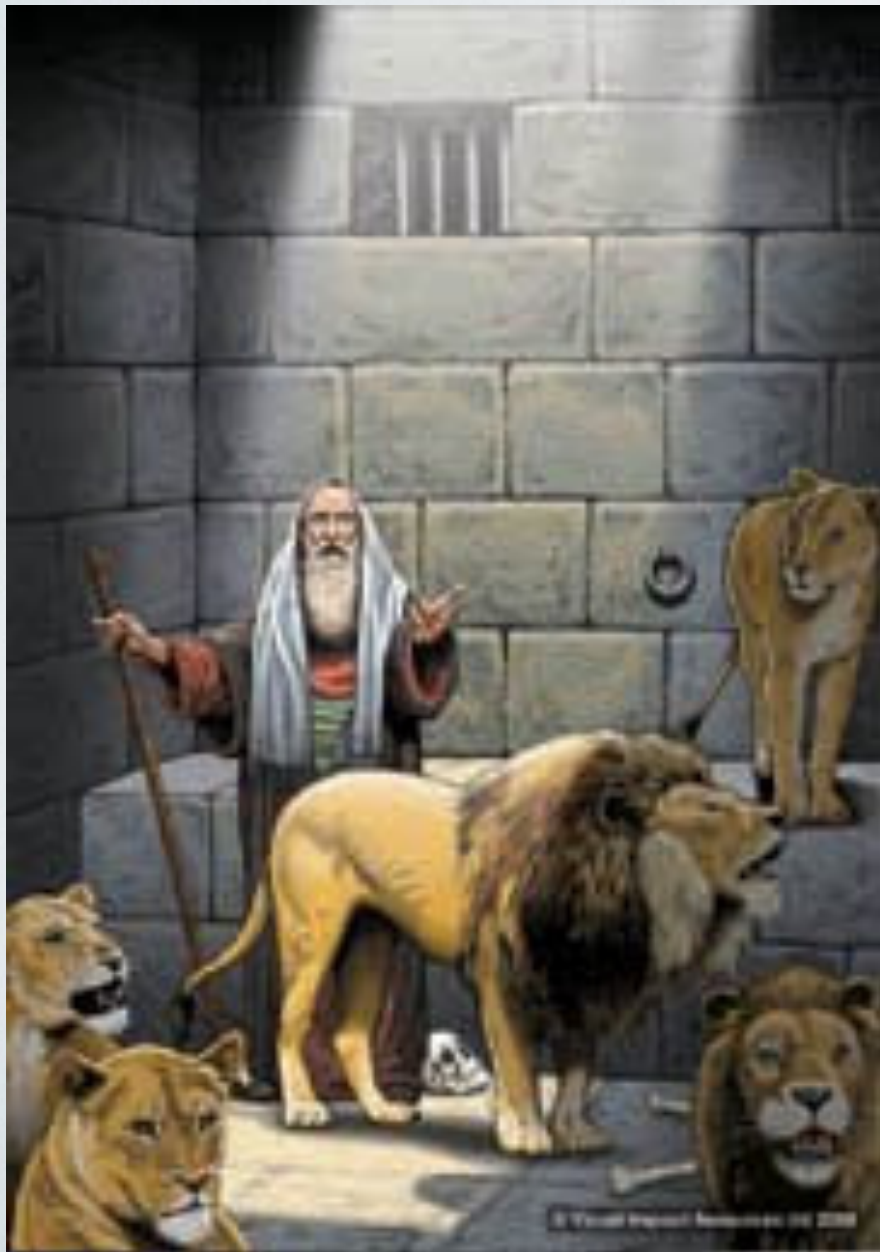




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**Hebrews 10:35–36 (NKJV)**  
**35** Therefore do not cast away  
your confidence, which has  
great reward. **36** For you have  
need of endurance, so that after  
you have done the will of God,  
you may receive the promise:



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## Understand The Seriousness of Sin

Willing to face the punishment of men than be defiled - 1:8,13



Daniel 1

Willing to face a fiery furnace than worship false Gods - 3:16-18



Daniel 3

Willing to be thrown to lions than **not** pray to God - 6:10-11



Daniel 6



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## Understand The Seriousness of Sin



- **No one will successfully resist temptation if they fail to understand the seriousness of sin**
- ▶ Sin is against God — Ps. 51:4
- ▶ Separates from God - Is 59:1-3; 1 Jn 1:5-2:2
- ▶ Hurts & destroys others - Gen 3; Jos. 7; 1 Cor. 5
- ▶ Brings eternal death - Rom 6:23; James 1:13-16; Rev. 21:8



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### Genesis 3:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.



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### **James 1:14–15 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.



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### **Matthew 5:29–30 (NKJV)**

<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.



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### Hebrews 2:1–3 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,





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## Trust The Lord & His Word

Daniel trusted in the  
Lord's way & His  
protection - 1:8,11-13



Daniel 1

God will deliver us . . .  
but if not . . . 3:16-18



Daniel 3

Daniel prayed just as  
he had always done  
despite threats - 6:10-11



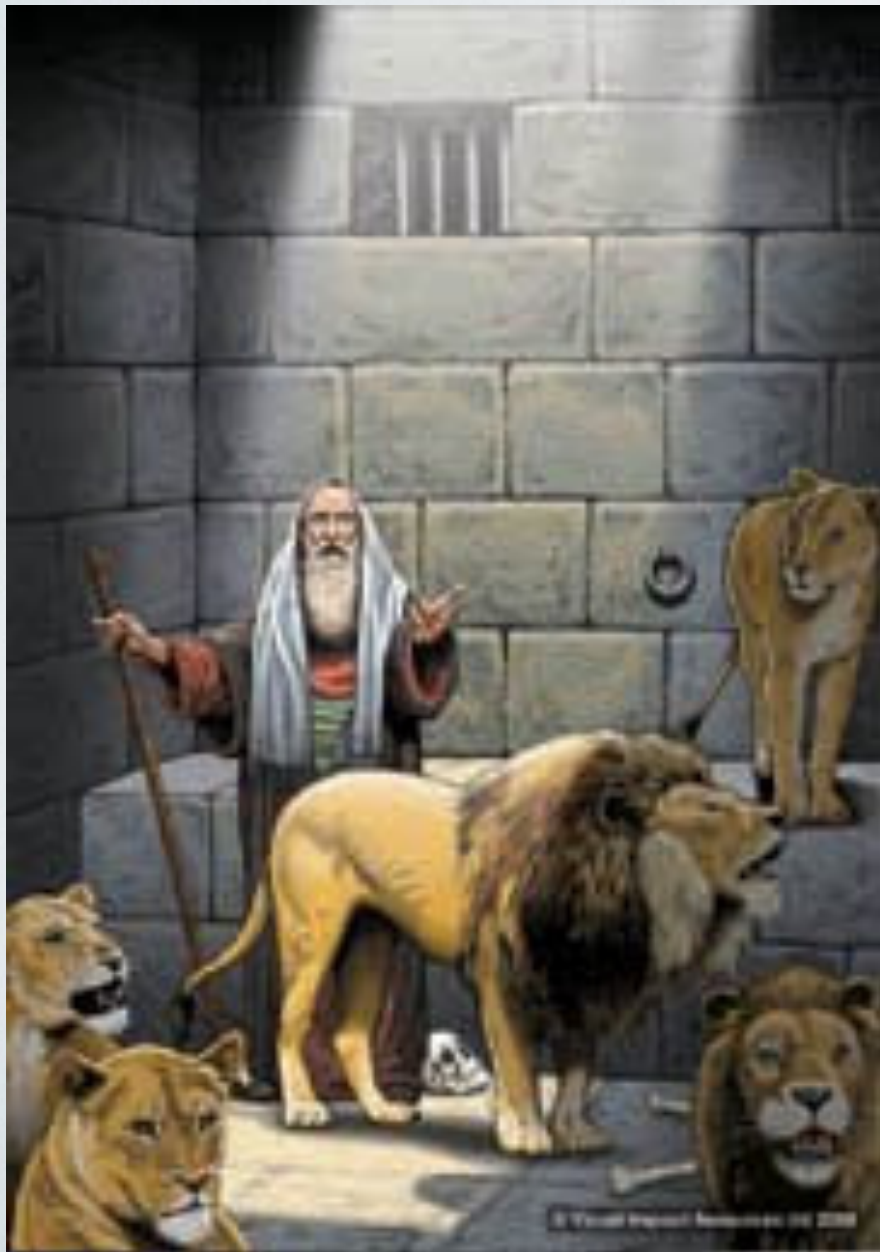
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- Those who compromise their faith demonstrate the weakness of their faith (Heb. 3:16-19; John 6:53-66)
- God will do what He has said! (Ro. 4:19-21; Ac 27:25; 2 Ti 1:12)
- We must know what God has said in order to have the faith necessary to resist compromise (Rom 10:17; Hos 4:6; Eph 6:16)
- Those who trust the Lord will keep pure (1 John 3:3; 2 Cor 7:1; 2 Pet 3:14; Heb. 11:26)



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## Strengthened By Each Victory

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah refused to be defiled



Daniel 1

Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah would bow ONLY to God



Daniel 3

Prayed ONLY to God as was his custom since his early days!



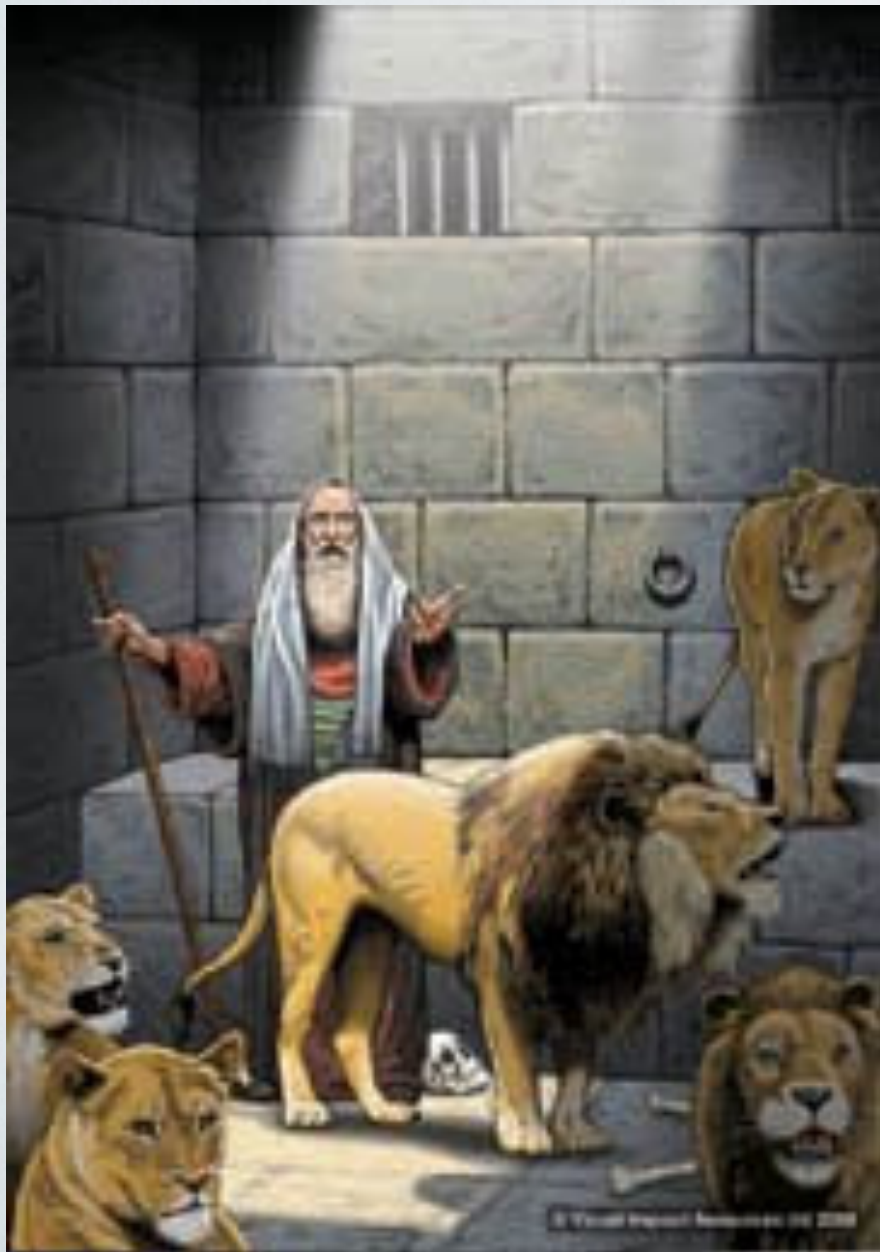
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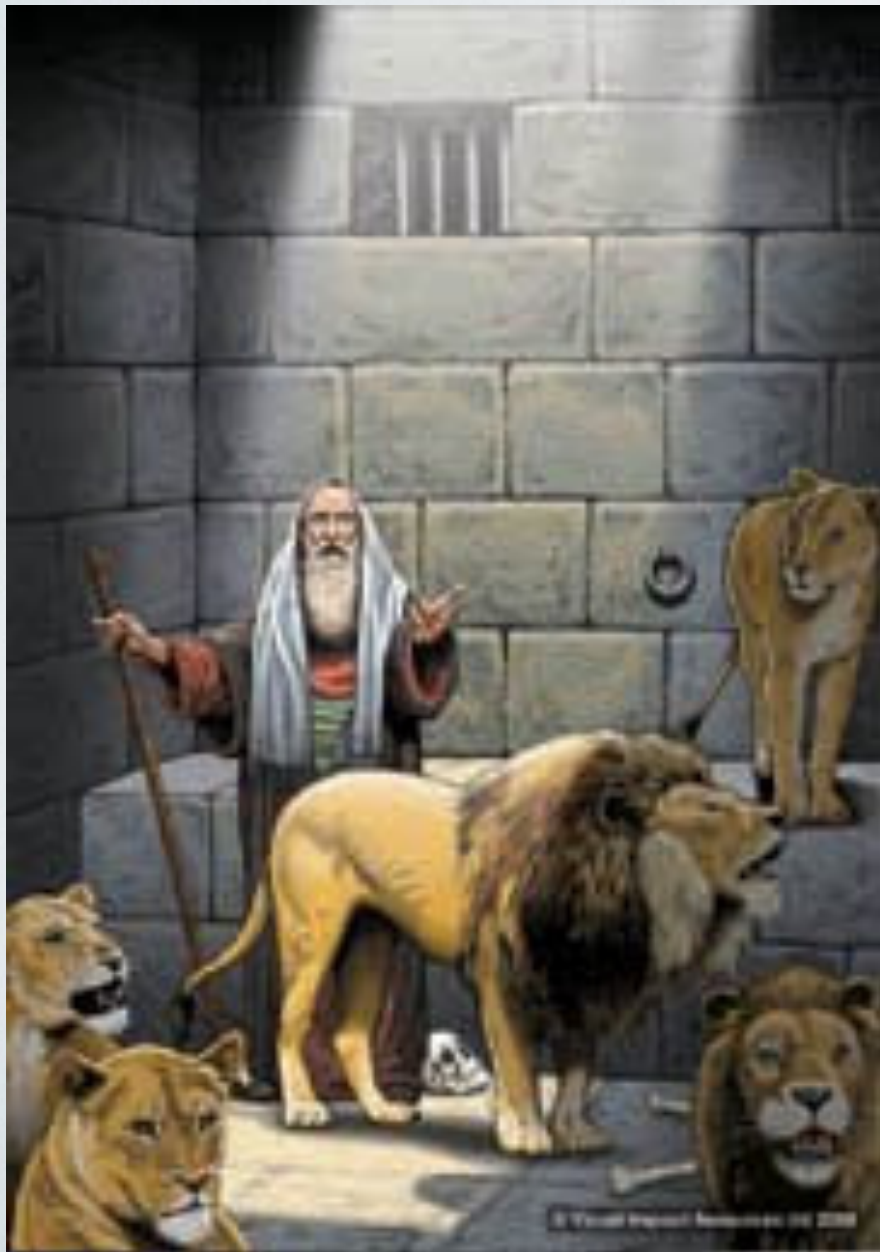
- Those faithful in small matters will be faithful in larger matters (Lk 16:10,11; 19:17; Mt 25:21)
- How can I face the big battles if I have failed to be victorious in the smaller ones? (Jer. 12:5)
- Temptations will come!! Let us begin now to develop a strong faith and establish habits that will enable our spiritual growth!



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## Strengthened By Each Victory



Are we dedicated enough to the Lord that we refuse to compromise? (even in areas we may deem small?)

Satan is fine with small victories - but remember if you give him an inch ...

**Romans 13:14**



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**We live in a world where we are  
pressured to “compromise”**

To tolerate evil / accept wickedness / participate in sin /  
condone false teaching / never speak out against sin or  
error / keep our faith to ourselves ...



Daniel 1



Daniel 3



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### **LET US NEVER COMPROMISE OUR CONVICTIONS ...**

- Who God Is (sovereignty / love / just / holy)
- Who Jesus is (Savior / Lord / High Priest / Judge)
- The Bible being God's complete, sufficient, authoritative and only revelation to man (2 Tim. 3:16,17)
- Salvation is ONLY in JESUS (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- The plan of salvation as taught in the Bible (John 8:24; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:21-47; 8:5-16, 27-39; Rom. 10:9-17; etc.)
- What the Bible teaches about right and wrong / moral and immoral / obedience and sin (1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Jn 3:4)
- What constitutes true worship (Jn 4:23,24; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14:26; Col. 3:16,17)
- The nature, organization and work of the church as taught in the Bible (Eph. 5:22-25; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13)





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**Fear God**

**Hate sin**

**Purpose to please God**

**Trust God**

**One victory at a time**





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**If you believe that Jesus is the Christ - act upon that faith today by confessing Him as the Son of God - Repent of your sins - and be baptized for the remission of your sins TODAY!**





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**If you are a Christian but  
guilty of compromising your  
faith - repent, confess  
& pray TODAY!**









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# Colossians 1:21–23 (NKJV)

<sup>21</sup> And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled <sup>22</sup> in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—<sup>23</sup> if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.