

Moral Conviction



Being Moral in a
world of Sin

Daniel

- Captivity in Babylon
- 1st group – 606 b.c. .. 70 years
- Daniel and 3 friends ...
- slaves to a foreign King ...

History

- Ch. 2 – interpretation of King's dream
- Ch. 4 - God rules in Kingdom of men
 - ◆ 4:17 (4:25 – 4:32 – 4:34)

History

- **ch. 5 - King judged by God –**
- **ch. 7 – dream of 4 kings to come ..**
 - ◆ **WHY ? Because God Said So**
- **ch. 8 – ram & He goat –**
 - ◆ **coming world power – God said so**
- **ch. 9 – 70 ‘sevens’ ... foretelling future**
- **chl. 10-12 – inter-testament period..**

Lessons to Observe

- **God is the Universal God**
 - ◆ John 19:11 / Acts 12 / Rom. 13
 - ◆ 1 Tim. 2:1-2 – PRAY for rulers
- **NOT Always APPEAR so**

Lessons to Observe

God IS in Control

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**I must learn to
control MYSELF**

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- 'Just say NO' ...
- Struggle of the WILL ...
 - ◆ flesh lusteth against the spirit – Gal. 5:17
 - ◆ mind willing – flesh is weak -- Mtt. 26:41

Daniel and His Three Friends

- Not violate law on FOOD – ch. 1
- Give God the glory for – ch.2
- Pray in the face of persecution -
ch. 6
- Refuse idol worship – ch. 3

Excuse ?

- Young men ... old man ...
- Foreign country ...
- Hard Times ...
- Decree of King ...
- Everyone is doing it ...

Why NOT ?

- It was **WRONG**. Period.
- God had spoken ...
that settles it.

Why NOT ?

- **KNEW** the scripture
- **TRUSTED** God and His word
- **KEPT** the faith ..

Strong faith in right & wrong

- Rom. 14:23 -- not of faith = SIN
- OR – ‘everything is relative’ ... ?????
- Big vs. little ???
 - ◆ Luke 16:10 ... faithful in small things...

KNOW right from wrong

- **God said it was wrong ..**

- ◆ Where? Which scripture ?

- ◆ Mtt. 4: every word ... mouth of God

- ◆ 2 Tim. 3:15 – scripture profitable ..

- ◆ 1 Pet. 4:11 - speak as the oracles of God

- **Know BEFORE the struggle !**

- beware – restudy due to ‘hardship’ ...

Strong Character

- **Strong MOTIVE .**
 - ◆ Fear -- Prov. 9:10
 - ◆ Love – 1 John 4:18
- **BUILD – one step / day at a time ...**
 - ◆ Character is **WHAT YOU DO**
 - ◆ begin with each little thing ...

Remember who You Are

- A child of God .. Gal. 3:26f
- A light unto the world – Matt. 5:14
- A Pilgrim in this world – 1 Pet. 2:11
- A Christian ..– Acts 11:26

ACTING upon conviction / faith

- **Psalm 15:4**

- ◆ swear to own hurt – change NOT

- **Matt. 5:37**

- ◆ yes means yes, no means no ...

- **Eph. 5:3 / 1 Cor. 6:18**

- ◆ flee fornication
- ◆ NOT even 'named' among us

Applied

- **Honesty in all dealings**
 - ◆ business / taxes / speech
- **Faithfulness in all relationships**
 - ◆ marriage / work
- **Moral / upright even in thoughts**

Avail NOTHING unless FORGIVEN

- ALL HAVE sinned – Rom. 3:23
- Gospel power to SAVE ALL – Rom. 1:16
- In CHRIST – forgiveness of sins ..
 - ◆ Mark 16:16f
 - Believeth + Baptized → SAVED
 - ◆ Acts 2:38
 - repent / baptized FOR rem. Of sins...

