



11am Bible Study: Pastor Will Lloyd, IV, MTS

Topic: Humbly Serve God's Will
Series: Live On Mission
Chapters: Daniel 1,2,3,4 **Oct. 2nd, 2024**

Central Text: Daniel 3:17, 28 17 If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king “28 Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God.

Lesson Summary

God demonstrates His sovereignty to Israel and Babylon via Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar, revealing how **humble submission** delivers His children, **makes them fruitful for helping others**, and allows Gentiles to receive His favor. The LORD God’s mission to the nations is evident in how He uses a pagan king to punish and exile His children and then utilizes His children *to draw a pagan King to repentance*. Daniel’s **faithfulness in exile** was used by God to demonstrate **His sovereignty** over all kings and kingdoms.

Lesson Outcome

Mankind should **humbly surrender** to God’s will to overcome obstacles, **help others**, and *draw sinners to repentance* because God *daily proves His sovereignty* over all creation. Hearers will better understand the critical nature of **daily decisions to honor God above self**. Believers will be challenged to *humbly pursue their God-given purpose and promise* so that God can use them to **share the transformative gospel of Jesus Christ**.

How do we humbly serve God’s will?

1. Submit to God in Holiness – Daniel 1

- God gave Daniel & friends favor, proven by how they were “ten times better” than all of Babylon’s magicians and astrologers. Daniel 1:20-21

Question for Dialogue: What are some ways we can interact with people, who have yet to see the significance of seeking to live holy.

2. Bear Fruit By Helping Others and Interpreting God’s Word That They May Glorify God – Daniel 2

- Daniel interprets King Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and reveals God’s plan to overrun all kingdoms with His Heavenly Kingdom. - Daniel 2:44-45
- Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges God’s power. – Daniel 2:47

Question for Dialogue: How can we place ourselves in environments where we can intentionally engage with those far from God, so that we can positively influence them to draw closer to Jesus?

3. Stay Faithful to God in Spite of Societal Threats & Penalties, Because God Will Deliver Us & Be Glorified By Those Far From Him. – Daniel 3

- Affirm bless-ed assurance that God will provide for us – Daniel 3:16-18
- Acknowledge God’s Presence With Us in Trials. – Daniel 3:25
- Watch those far from God Glorify His Name. – Daniel 3:28-30

Question for Dialogue: How can faith and belief that those we love, that are far from God, will one day surrender to Jesus, motivate us to serve God?

4. God Humbles His Opposers For Their Potential Salvation – Chapter 4

- Lovingly invite sinners to repent. – Daniel 4:26-27
- God favors people who humble themselves before Him. Daniel 4:34-37

Question for Dialogue: What did God use to get your attention and show you that living according to your own will was not productive?

Lesson Application

Students will be *challenged to endure difficult trials* with a **bless-ed assurance** that *God will provide for them in* the storm and *deliver them out* of the storm. Further, students will be encouraged to *humble themselves* so that they can *serve God’s will in every area of their lives*.
