

# Honor and Blessing

## Daniel 1

### Lesson 1 of “Daniel: Taming Life’s Lions”

I suppose when we hear the biblical character Daniel referred to it is hard not to think of him in the context of his experience with Lions. The book of Daniel that we are going to begin studying is much more than the story of Daniel in the Lion’s den.

The first six which will be the focus of our lessons are historic chapters that provide us with many practical principles that we can apply to our lives as we seek to live for the Lord Jesus.

As we begin our journey through this portion of God’s Word, it is important for us to understand that this book tells us about....

**1) A Time of \_\_\_\_\_ failure for God’s people. (vs. 1-2)**

As this book begins, we learn also that....

**2) It was a time of catastrophic \_\_\_\_\_ for Daniel. (VS. 3-7)**

Daniel and his friends were faced with a great test... would they be faithful in Babylon?

*Notice how they responded to this test. The first thing they did was...*

**I. THEY DETERMINED TO HONOR THE LORD \_\_\_\_\_.** (8-14)

Daniel drew the line. He would not disobey God.

- **Daniel’s example encourages us to honor the Lord even when disregarding His word may seem more \_\_\_\_\_.**

Daniel was in a situation where many would have buckled under the pressure to compromise... just think of some of the excuses he could have used. Daniel could have reasoned:

- 1. “I will fit in better”...that is the trap of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 2. “Everyone else is doing it”...that is the trap of \_\_\_\_\_ pressure.**
- 3. “God will understand” ...that is the trap of relating to God on our \_\_\_\_\_ instead of His.**

Though Daniel and his friends could have compromised, they didn’t. What kept Daniel and his friends from compromising? There were two main things that kept them from compromising.

**1) Daniel \_\_\_\_\_ God’s law... it was instilled in his \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2) Daniel understood the \_\_\_\_\_ of disobedience... he would be \_\_\_\_\_.**

Daniel was in a tough situation. Learn that one of the keys to surviving tough situations is by making the choice Daniel made. Deciding that regardless of what comes my way I will honor the Lord.

*Notice what happens. Because Daniel determined to honor the Lord in all things...*

## **II. Daniel Experienced The \_\_\_\_\_ Of The Lord In His Life.**

*Notice what we can learn about the blessings of God from Daniel's experience. First we learn...*

### **1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's blessing... The Lord honors those who honor Him.**

*Daniel demonstrates the principle of God's blessing. Daniel also demonstrates...*

### **2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's blessing... Daniel's circumstances were changed.**

*Daniel's experience also teaches us about...*

### **3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's blessing... motivated Daniel to remain faithful.**

#### **Conclusion:**

Daniel and his three friends were taken hostage and taken to Babylon. Babylon was a real place but it represents something very significant to all of us. Babylon represents a place that we don't want to be. Sometimes God allows us to end up in places we don't want to be. At times God allows us to go there because He is trying to discipline us. Sometimes He lets us go there to build us. Regardless of why, every one of us will eventually find ourselves in Babylon. Perhaps your Babylon is a financial crisis, a relational difficulty, a crumbling marriage, or a serious physical problem and you don't want to be there, but you are there.

We are all going to have our Babylon's. The question is, will we be faithful in Babylon? If we are going to be faithful in Babylon then we must do what Daniel did. We must make the choice to honor Daniel in everything. If we will then we will experience what Daniel experienced...the Lord's blessing.