

sermon notes

Andrew Hall, Messiah Bible Church | April 29th, 2026 | Daniel:
Every Knee Shall Bow | “God’s Favor for His Faithful in Babylon” |
Daniel 1.1-21

1) God _____ Israel into the hands of Babylon (1:1-2)

2) God _____ a faithful remnant in Babylon (1:3-7)

3) God _____ His faithful servants (1:8-16)

4) God _____ to His faithful servants (1:17-21)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Daniel and his friends were taken into exile at a young age (see Dan 1:1–4). How did God use this tragedy to achieve His purposes for Israel and prepare the way for the Messiah?

Why does the New Testament choose Babylon as a symbol for the kingdom of Satan? How does the kingdom of Babylon help us understand Satan’s kingdom and power on the earth?

GET PERSONAL

Daniel took a huge risk by defying the king’s orders. Is there a time in your life where you took a risk for the Lord in faith and the Lord poured out His favor upon you?

How would you describe most churches today? Do most Christians live like Daniel? Do you live like Daniel, and is there an area of your life where the Lord is convicting you to live more boldly?

How does the story of Daniel help us to live “in the world but not of the world”? Is it possible to advance in the secular world and still remain faithful to Christ? How do we know the difference between accommodation and compromise when we’re engaging with the culture around us?

Daniel resolved not to be defiled by the king’s food. What are some practices today that can defile us as Christians? How can you resolve to avoid those things and put to death the things of the flesh?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

What are the most common things that keep you from being bold like Daniel? How can you embrace the sovereignty of God to step out boldly in faith this week?