
A Test of Loyalty
Daniel 1:3–21
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Introduction

- I. Taken into exile. Daniel 1:3–4

- II. The threat of assimilation into the world’s mold. Daniel 1:5–7

- III. Daniel shows great discernment. Daniel 1:8

- IV. Daniel models courage and courtesy. Daniel 1:10–14

- V. Daniel and his three friends receive the favor of God and the king. Daniel 1:9, 15–21

Questions for reflection:

- *In a time of crisis, how is God’s sovereignty over history and circumstances a comfort to His people?*
- *How is the world trying to squeeze us into its mold? How can we resist this pressure to stand out, like Daniel, as salt and light?*
- *Can you think of specific ways our allegiance to Christ might be tested so that we as Christians need to take a risky stand like Daniel?*