

Daniel Will Not Defile Himself

Daniel 1:8

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. NKJV

We are a society that is into purity. It is amazing the things today we can not eat that we have been eating since the days of Noah. We are concerned with our bodies that they not be polluted with foreign substances. But it is more about us being well then it is a spiritual thing.

At the same time we will our minds and hearts with things that have been considered corruption since the days of Noah. And we think it will not affect us. We have become a nation pure in body and defiled in mind and heart. We indulge the filthiest morals and eat the purest foods. We would never tolerate unhealthy food but we live on unhealthy thoughts.

We strain the proverbial gnat but swallow the camel. Jesus accused the religious people of his day of being hypocrites. For He said that outwardly they were like sepulcher, all clean and white on the outside while on the inside they were full of dead mans bones.

But Daniel and his three friends are not hypocrites as we will see.

- I. Daniel would not defile himself.
 - A. He would not defile his body.
 - 1. The food was not Kosher.
 - 2. The food probably was not animals that he could eat.
 - B. He would not defile his mind.
 - 1. Part of the training was to brainwash these young men.
 - 2. They wanted them to be Chaldeans and not good little Jewish boys.
 - 3. Young people, don't be foolish, the world wants to brainwash you.
 - a. Ro 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
 - b. Ro 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
 - C. He would not defile his soul.

1. The world is always working on us to compromise our standards.
 - a. They started with adultery.
 - b. Then premarital sex.
 - c. Next homosexual sex.
 - d. What does the future hold, bigamy.
 - e. Their ultimate goal is to destroy the traditional family.
 - f. With that move they will destroy America for good.
2. There is a polluted or defiled worship.
 - a. It is where Jesus is replaced by something else.
 - b. Anything other than Jesus.
 - c. In may be that Jesus is in there but He should not only be central to our worship but He is to be exclusive to our worship.
3. And then there are those who worship Jesus but not the Bible Jesus.
 - a. Jesus without the blood and atoning death.
 - b. Not a resurrected Jesus.
 - c. Not a divine Jesus.
 - d. Not the Lord Jesus
4. Mr 8:36 "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? 37 "Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
 - D. Even when his life was at stake.
 1. He could have said, "Everyone else is doing it."
 2. He could have said, "But the food tastes so good."
 3. He could have said, "My parents are not here, no one will know."
 4. He could have said, "I always have the excuse that they made me do this."

II. Paul spoke to the Corinthian church about defilement with prostitutes.

- A. 1 Cor 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh."

III. Daniels three friends would not defile themselves on worship. Dan 3

- A. Mt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You

shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"

1. Thousands and thousands of Christians were crucified and thrown to the lions simply because they would not burn a pinch of incense to Caesar and pronounce him as lord.
2. But today we compromise our worship our ultimate love for such smaller trinkets from Satan's wares.

B. True worship is from the heart.

1. Mr 12:33 "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."
2. The battle is always in the heart.
3. Mt 15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

C. Jesus said it was not what went into the mouth that defile a person but what came out of their mouth.

1. Psalm 51:10 (NKJV) 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Oh that God's people would make a vow with their heart to not be defiled by the world.

Ro 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.