

## Daniel - Changing Spiritual Climates

*Live out your godly purpose in ungodly settings (Daniel Chapter 1)*



*“Then the king instructed...to bring some of the [young men] of Israel...  
in whom there was no blemish...gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge...  
who had ability to serve in the king’s palace...”*

Ungodly leadership have a plan for you, but God has another plan that has a Kingdom value within it.

**Daniel** = God is my Judge

**Hananiah** = Yahweh has been gracious

**Mishael** = Who is what God is?

**Azariah** = Yahweh has helped

**Belteshazzar** = Lady, protect the king

**Shadrach** = I am fearful (of a god)

**Meshach** = I am despised... (before my god)

**Abed-Nego** = Servant of Nebo

Why does God have me at this secular place and serve this non-Christian authority over me?

- ✓ **Reason #1** –Light is needed most in the dark places.
- ✓ **Reason #2** – This is a time of testing for you. Embrace it with an attitude of worship and integrity



*But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile  
himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies...*

Their dependency on God and heart to please Him preserved them in an ungodly environment.  
You can work in most any environment if you are clothed appropriately for it.



*...Then the king interviewed them, and among them all none was found like  
Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore they served before the king.*

What was the reward for living righteously? A new ministry to serve a pagan king...

The spiritual climate changed in Babylon...and it will change in your setting too!

God’s unseen purposes overcame, even though:

- Their **location** changed - Their **calling** excelled
- Their **name** changed - Their God-given **identity** preserved
- Their **culture** changed - Their **values** un-wavered
- Their **kingdom** changed - The **Kingdom** prevailed
- Though their **king** changed - Their **King** remained King

