

HOW GOD HONORS THOSE THAT OBEY HIM God's Man for Troubled Times

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me."

John 5:39

SUPERNATURAL PROTECTION:

Daniel's Act of Obedience: Boldness

But Daniel (what) made up his mind that he would not (what) defile himself with the king's (1) choice food or with the (2) wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.
Daniel 1:8

Boldness means never being ashamed:

I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be ashamed. I shall delight in Your commandments, which I love.
Psalm 119:46-47

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

"For whoever is (what) ashamed of Me and My words (where) in this adulterous and sinful generation, (then) the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."
Mark 8:34-38

Boldness sometimes leads to suffering:

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.
1 Peter 4:14-16

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are (what) standing firm (how) in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; .in no way alarmed by your opponents - which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only

to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

Philippians 1:27-30

Daniel's Picture of Obedience: His Standard and Testimony

"Please test your servants for ten days, and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink."
Daniel 1:12

God Honors those that Honor Him:

Compassion, Peace and Mercy

Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials, and the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king."
Daniel 1:9-10

He also made them objects of compassion in the presence of all their captors.
Psalm 106:46

When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.
Proverbs 16:7

Faith that is Not Misplaced

So he listened to them in this matter and tested them for ten days. At the end of ten days their appearance seemed better and they were fatter than all the youths who had been eating the king's choice food.
Daniel 1:15

God's Supernatural Blessings

As for these four youths, God gave them (1) knowledge and (2) intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams. Then at the end of the days which the king had specified for presenting them, the commander of the officials presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and out of them all not one was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's personal service .

As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm. And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.
Daniel 1:17-21