

## Perspective As HE Would Have It

What examples to us ...

Hananiah (Shadrach) had perspective.

Mishael (Meshach) had perspective.

Azariah (Abed-Nego) had perspective.

Daniel (Belteshazzar) had perspective!

These Judeans (Dan. 1:6) offer so much help for today and bright hope for tomorrow.

Perspective indeed!

Let's glean ...

1. Holy Obedience Daniel 1 In seeking to be right before Almighty God, they stayed away from the many attractive-on-the-surface defilements.

Lord, please help us do likewise. First, help us to go to Your Word so we're clear on just what the defilements are today. And then, please further transform us by Your Word as only it can. Help us to separate from the darkness this world is manifesting today. Give us RESOLVE to say "NO" to the Lake-of-Fire attractions (that is, the death-bringing compromises) all around us.

2. Humble Obedience Daniel 2 In seeking to live pleasing to the Creator of all things, they walked humbly with their God. (vv. 17, 18)

Lord, please help us do likewise. Help us to live out Micah 6:8: He has shown thee, O man, what is good and what the Lord requires of thee: But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. \* Thank You for the perspective of humble confidence whereby Daniel went on to give You the glory as he lived out Your gifting in his life.

3. Victorious Obedience Daniel 3 In seeking to protect their loving relationship with the One Who matters most, they resolved to OBEY no matter what the cost.

Lord, please help us do likewise. We need to establish and/or firm up a more **biblical perspective** in this day of ours. So many are not prepared – perspectively so – for the gross evils soon to unfold. Help us foster the mindset You want us to have whereby we will take a stand on Your Truths, much like these three did millennia ago. Help us to say, "We will NOT bow!" when a different image of gold appears. Help us to be in Your Word for crucial details (e.g., Rev. 13:14, 15).

THANK YOU, Lord, for seeing/placing these examples in Your Word! What Counsel they offer to us today. Your revelation is indeed sweeter than honey and more to be desired than gold! Holy, holy, holy God: We PRAISE Thee! Through Jesus Christ we bow before Your glorious presence. Amen

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