

Will You Compromise?

Compromise is when two parties come together and make a promise. There are times when we must compromise in life (ex: marriage). But our faith is the one thing we must never compromise!

Daniel and his three friends (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) provide us with a great example of followers of God who refused to compromise their faith.

I. Three examples from the book of Daniel:

- A. No compromise on eating _____ (Daniel 1:8).
 - 1. Background info on Daniel:
 - a. Daniel is among the first group of captives taken into Babylon in 605 B.C (Daniel 1:1-6).
 - b. Daniel descended from the royal _____ of David (Daniel 1:3).
 - c. Daniel spent _____ in Babylon.
 - d. Daniel was held in great favor by the monarchs.
 - e. Much of his life is recorded in the first _____ chapters of Daniel.
 - 2. As a Hebrew, Daniel had a very restrictive diet.
 - a. But after being taken into captivity, those in authority demanded that the Hebrew boys eat from the king's choice of food (Daniel 1:5).
 - b. Daniel refused to do so (Daniel 1:8).
- B. No compromise on _____ God alone (Daniel 3:12-18).
 - 1. King Nebuchadnezzar demanded his subjects to worship a gold image that he set up in the plain of Dura.
 - 2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego would not (even if it meant them being thrown into a fiery furnace)!
- C. No compromise on _____ (Daniel 6:10).
 - 1. During the reign of Darius the Mede, prayer was outlawed for 30 days in Babylon (Daniel 6:1-9). This was at the end of the 70 years of Babylonian captivity.
 - 2. But Daniel continued to pray three times a day (even if it meant him being thrown into the lion's den).

II. What about us?

- A. Will we compromise on _____ in God (Genesis 1:1, 26; 2:2; Acts 17:28)?
- B. Will we compromise on Jesus being the _____ way to heaven (Acts 4:12; John 14:6)?
- C. Will we compromise on _____ (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; 2 John 9)?
- D. Will we compromise on _____?
 - 1. _____? See Romans 1:26-27; Jude 7; 1 Corinthians 6:9.
 - 2. _____? See Malachi 2:16; Matthew 19:4-6, 9.
 - 3. Sex outside of marriage? See Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9, 18-20.
- E. Will we compromise on _____? What must a person do to be saved?
 - 1. _____ the gospel (Romans 10:17).
 - 2. _____ in Jesus (John 8:24; 3:16).
 - 3. _____ (Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3).
 - 4. Be _____ (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:4).

Conclusion: We must _____ on any of these issues!