

The Story Chapter 18

Living in a Foreign Land
Daniel in Exile

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Daniel vs Former Prophets

- He did not preach before or during captivity
- Matthew 24, 15 – Jesus refers to him as such
- He did receive God's inspired message
- He did reveal the truths God showed him
- His character is exemplary
- Ezekiel writes of his righteousness
- He's grouped w/ Noah & Job as heroes of faith

Signs of Depression and Loosing Faith

Romans 13: 1-7

"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from terror? Then do right, and you will have no fear of the ruler. ⁴ The ruler is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. ⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give attention to the reward that God promises. ⁷ So everyone, what you owe them: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor."

1 Timothy 2. 1-2

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Titus 3. 1-2

"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone."



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- 20th Century Pastor & Seminary Professor
- Studied at Union Theological Seminary - NYC
- 1939 - returned to Germany
- Led Confessing Church movement
- Preached against Nazis
- 1943 arrested
- April 9, 1944 at 39 - he was hung at Flossburg
- 3 days before the concentration camp liberated by Allied forces

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ... Costly grace is the kingly rule of Christ... it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him... Above all, grace is costly because it cost God the life of his Son."

Daniel and Bonhoeffer

- Faced death in resistance to Government
- Much of the country he lived in was taken captive
- Exemplary role model
- Lived to serve and honor God
- Faced death in resistance to Nazi regime
- Germany held captive
- Exemplary role model
- Lived for Jesus Christ

1942- Bonhoeffer wrote letter to his closest friends & ended

"Who stands firm..?"

Bonhoeffer concludes the letter

"... Only the one for whom the final standard is not his reason, his principles, his conscience, his freedom, his virtue, but who is ready to sacrifice all these, when in faith and sole allegiance to God he is called to obedient and responsible action: the responsible person, whose life will be nothing but an answer to God's question and call."

How can we trust God and stand up for our Christian beliefs when we do not know the future?

How did the Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael & Azariah demonstrate the following:

- A resistance to bitterness when life is unfair
- Remaining respectful to others even when mistreated
- Keeping hope in the promises of God

The bottom line

**Decide who influences
and defines you!**

The Lower Story

The Upper Story

