

Studies in Daniel – (Study 2) Courage or Compromise?

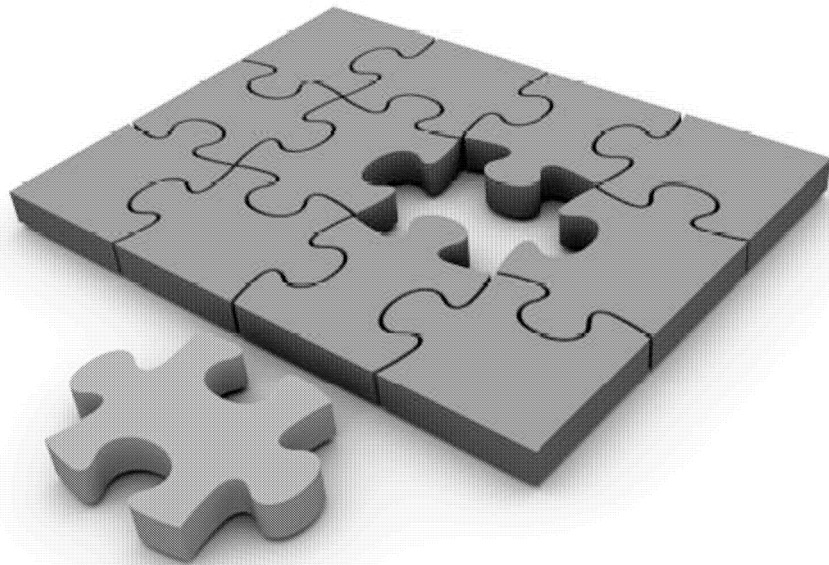
Reading: Daniel 1:8-16

Chapter 1 demonstrates the choices that God's people in every age must make as they try to live a godly life in an alien culture.

- 1) Looking at verses 3-7, how would you summarise the situation Daniel and his friends had found themselves in?

Read Daniel 1:8-16

- 2) The word 'resolved' in verse 8 literally means 'placed in his heart'. *Why did Daniel ask for special food? What might the equivalent of this be for us today?*
- 3) The book of Daniel shows how God overrules in the great issues of the rise and fall of empires. *What does verse 9 also tell us about God?*
- 4) In verses 11-13 Daniel provides a way for the official both to be loyal to the king and sympathetic to those in his charge. *What do these verses tell us (a) about Daniel's attitude towards the official; and (b) his relationship with God?*
- 5) Presuming that verse 15 does not prove that vegetarian food is better for your health, *what does it prove?*
- 6) What do you feel when you stand up for something you believe in?
- 7) What often keeps you from taking a stand and what can Daniel teach us from this passage?



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