

A Choice To Make

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Message Notes:

Aldersgate Church



The Daniel Dilemma

How to Stand Firm & Love Well in a
Culture of Compromise

BIG IDEA:

I want you to be able to Smell
the Babylonian mentality (BM)!

1. BM – Self Absorption
“I’ve got to find myself”

Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, chief of his court officials, to bring in some of the Israelites from the royal family and the nobility—young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace...

Daniel 1:3-4 (NIV)

Babylonia (Hebrew transliteration Sinar or “Shinar”)

As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar (**Babylonia**) and settled there. They said to each other, “Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

Genesis 11:2-4 (NIV)

God’s Way – Surrender To God
“It’s Not About you”

2. BM – Indoctrination
“In Friendly Captivity Till Our Captors Become Our Friends”
...He was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. They were to be trained for three years...
Daniel 1:4-5 (NIV)

“Listen, you wanton creature, lounging in your security and saying to yourself, ‘I am, and there is none besides me.’... You felt secure in your wickedness. ‘No one sees me,’... But your ‘wisdom’ and ‘knowledge’ have led you astray, and you said, ‘I am the only one, and there is no other.’
Isaiah 47:8, 10 (NLT)

God’s Way – Influence
“Sent Into Captivity To Rescue The Captive”
The Lord delivered Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand...
Daniel 1:2 (NIV)

Do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs...
2 Timothy 2:4 (TLB)

3. BM – Indulgent Lifestyle
“Have it your way.”

Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine...
Daniel 1:8 (NIV)

One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4(NIV)

God’s Way – First Commandment
“First Commandment Has First Place In Your Heart”
Since... you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
Colossians 3:1 (NIV)