

Daniel 1,3,6; Acts 4:19,20; 5:29; Romans 1:18-32; 12:1,2

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Familiar Stories

DANIEL

CHAPTERS 1; 3; 6

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah . . . Four young men pressured to compromise their faith but refused to do so!

What gave these young men their strength to defy a king, even in the face of death?

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Familiar Stories

DANIEL CHAPTERS 1; 3; 6

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

They feared God

They hated sin

**They purposed to
please God**

**They trusted God &
His word**

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We live in a world where we are pressured to “COMPROMISE”

To TOLERATE evil / ACCEPT wickedness / HONOR perversity / PARTICIPATE in sin / CONDONE false teaching / BE SILENT when it comes to sin or error /
KEEP OUR FAITH TO OURSELVES ...

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**WE ARE “FORCE FED”
UNGODLINESS!**

**WE ARE “CANCELED”
IF WE STAND UP FOR
TRUTH & SPEAK OUT**

**WE ARE LABELED AS
JUDGMENTAL &
HATEFUL IF WE
REFUSE TO BOW!**

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**TO OPPOSE THAT
WHICH IS
CONTRARY TO
GOD'S WILL &
WAY, AS REVEALED
IN THE BIBLE, IS
AN ACTION OF
TRUE LOVE -
NOT HATE!**

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IT IS TRUE LOVE - NOT HATE:

- To inform people of what God has said about sin (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 1:18-32)
- To warn people of God's judgment (2 Pet. 3:9-14; Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Cor. 5:10,11; 2 Thes. 1:7-9)
- To emphasize the eternal rather than the temporal (Jn 6:27; Mt. 6:19; 1 Jn 2:15-17; 2 Pe. 3:9-14)

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Isaiah 5:20–21 (NKJV)

20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

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Isaiah 55:7–9 (NKJV)

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ⁸ “For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the Lord. ⁹ “For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

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**WE CANNOT STAND
WITH GOD AND WITH
EVIL AT THE SAME TIME**

Proverbs 3:5–7 (NKJV)

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.

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Matthew 6:24 (NKJV)

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

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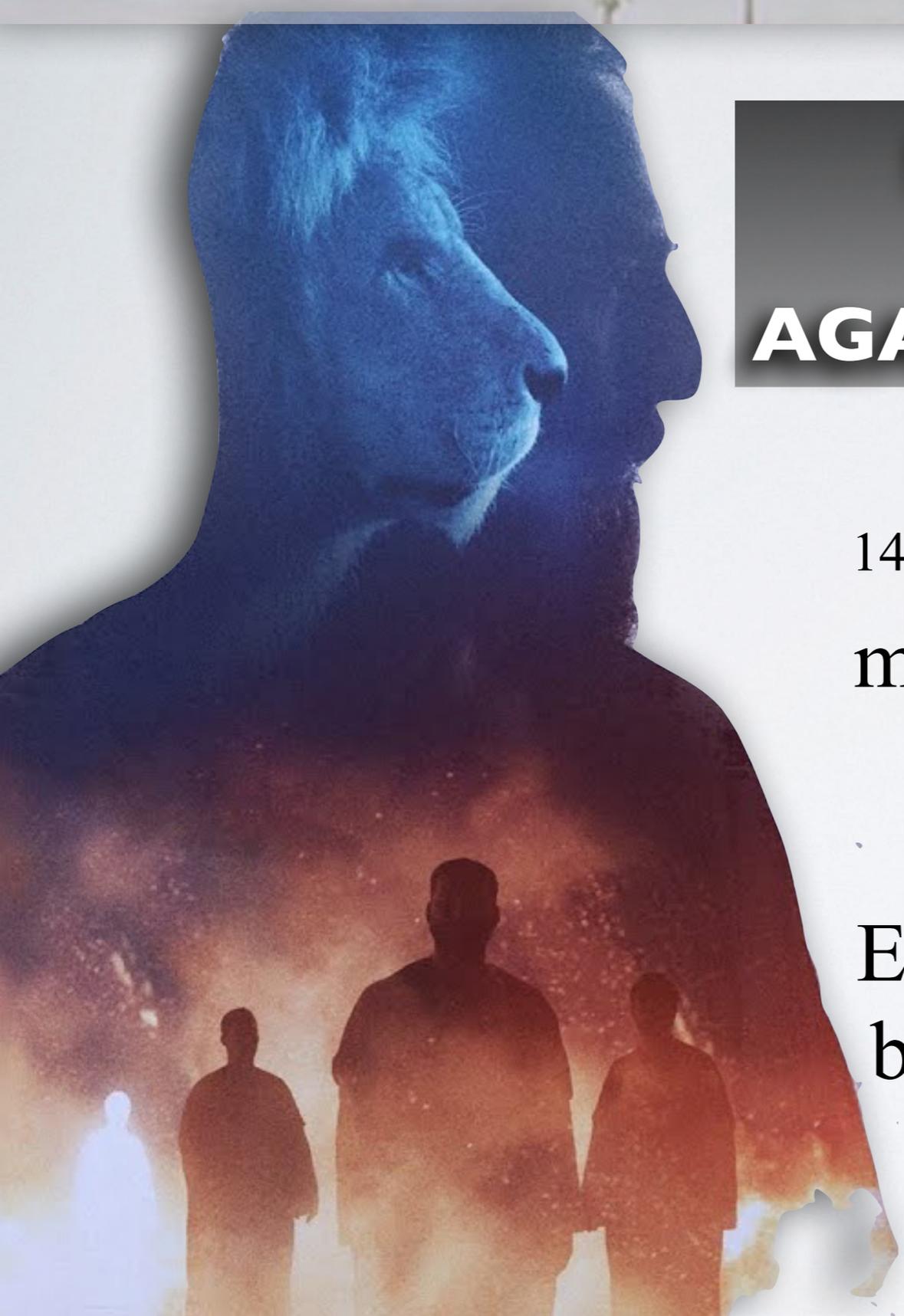
**STANDING WITH GOD
REQUIRES STANDING
AGAINST ALL THAT IS SINFUL**

Psalm 97:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ You who love the Lord,
hate evil! He preserves
the souls of His saints;
He delivers them out of
the hand of the wicked.



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Amos 5:14–15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the Lord God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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Psalm 34:11–14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. ¹² Who *is* the man *who* desires life, And loves *many* days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.

[cf. 1 Pet. 3:10–12]

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Romans 12:9 (NKJV)

*⁹ Let love be without
hypocrisy. Abhor what
is evil. Cling to what is
good.*



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Ephesians 5:8–13 (NKJV)

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.

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¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

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**WE MUST BOW BEFORE GOD &
STAND W/ HIM BEFORE MEN**

Daniel 3:16–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

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Acts 4:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

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Acts 5:28–29 (NKJV)

²⁸ saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” ²⁹ But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.

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1 Peter 4:2–5 (NKJV)

² that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. ³ For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.

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1 Peter 4:2–5 (NKJV)

⁴ In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. ⁵ They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

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LET US ALWAYS REFUSE TO BOW TO ANY & ALL THINGS UNGODLY!

■ All Immorality (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 1:18-32; Eph. 5:3-18)

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

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Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,
²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Romans 1:28–32 (NKJV)

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers,

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³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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- To false teachers and the error they teach (Gal. 5:19-21; Jude 3)

Galatians 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

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Jude 3 (NKJV)

³ Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

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2 Timothy 4:2–5 (NKJV)

² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

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⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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LET US ALWAYS STAND IN DEFENSE OF THE TRUTH!

- The Bible being God's complete, sufficient, authoritative and only revelation to man (2 Tim. 3:16,17)
- Salvation is ONLY in JESUS (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
- The plan of salvation as taught in the Bible (John 8:24; Mk 16:16; Acts 2:21-47; 8:5-16, 27-39; Rom. 10:9-17)
- What the Bible teaches about right & wrong / moral & immoral / obedience and sin (1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Jn 3:4)

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- The errors of denominationalism & the singularity & unity of the church belonging to Jesus (Jn. 17:20,21; 1 Cor. 1:10-13; Eph. 4:1-6)
- What constitutes true worship (Jn 4:23,24; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; 14:26; Col. 3:16,17)
- The nature, organization and work of the church as taught in the Bible (Eph. 5:22-25; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 3:1-13)
- 2nd coming (Jn. 5:28,29; 2 Pet. 3:10-14)

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BOW TO JESUS!
If you believe that
Jesus is the Christ -
act upon that faith
today by confessing
Him as the Son of God
- Repent of your sins
- and be baptized for
the remission of your
sins **TODAY!**

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BOW TO JESUS!
If you are a
Christian but guilty
of compromising
your your faith by
bowing to the world
- repent, confess &
pray TODAY!

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Romans 11:33–12:3 (NKJV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴ *“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?”* ³⁵ *“Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?”* ³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.