

How to Stand When Everyone Bows Daniel 3:13-18 God's Sovereign Rule Over Human History, part 7

- Nebuchadnezzar commands all to bow to his defiant & deceived beliefs, and if they don't they will be "cancelled" in the fiery furnace.
- As we follow Christ, we must understand how to stand when everyone bows:
 1. Live Under Pressures, v.1-12
 - Pressures come from:
 - A. Power-hungry Leaders, v.2,3
 - B. Maintaining unity, v.4, 7
 - C. Mood-setting music, v.5:
 - D. The fear of death, v.6
 - E. Slanderous accusations, v.8-12
 2. Live _____, v.13-16
- These three young men would disobey three commands in one act if they worshipped Nebuchadnezzar's image!

- When you stand on the principles of Scripture, prepare for three things:
 - A. To be _____, v.12-13
 - B. For God to be _____, v.14-15
 - 1.) Hananiah ("The LORD is gracious") knew he was not Shadrach ("Obey Aku")
 - 2.) Mishael ("Who is like God?") knew he was not Meshach ("Who is like Aku?")
 - 3.) Azariah ("The LORD has helped") knew he was not Abednego ("Servant of Nebo")
 - C. To _____, v.16
 - 1.) They made no _____.
 - 2.) They needed no _____.
 - 3.) They would make no _____.
 - 4.) There was also no pride.

3. Live _____,
v.17-18

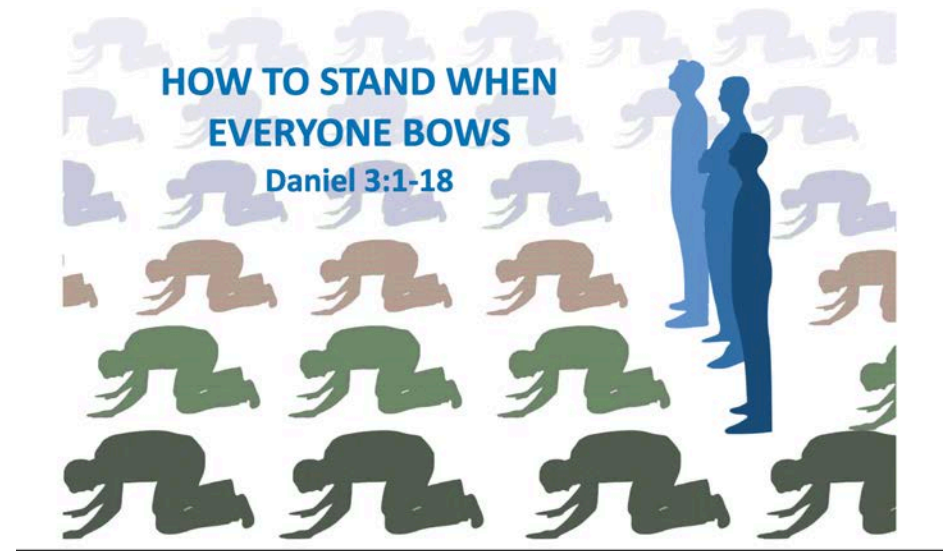
- Perspective is shaped by personal faith in God's infinite power and His wise plan.

A. They were CERTAIN of God's _____, v.17

- "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us..."

B. They were UNCERTAIN of God's _____, v.18

- "But if not... we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image..."



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