

## What Daniel Did When His Authorities Commanded Him To Wrong What Are We to Do When Asked To Do What We Think Is Wrong

### Introduction

<sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to G-d must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

<sup>6</sup>And without trusting, it is impossible to be well pleasing to G-d, because whoever approaches him must trust that he does exist and that he becomes a Rewarder to those who seek him out. (Hebrews 11:6)

Therefore trust (faith) is required to please G-d. Trust is a {humanly speaking} difficult thing! G-d's Word gives us direction, protection and provision. It is easy to seize authority {power} from beneath {we are driven to challenge back those in authority when we don't agree} and that is always visited by G-d's discipline. Because all authority that is from G-d comes from above.

1. **All power is from above.** Everyone today that is in proper G-d-given authority, their authority does not come from beneath, does not come from constituents, it comes from above. And G-d will even set up, even as He mentions in Scripture, wicked kings to carry out His discipline among His people.
2. **There is a balance of power.** There is not just one authority structure—there are parental, synagogal, government and employment structures of authority spoken of in Scripture. It is not all invested in one, but G-d gives direction and instruction through all four of these. The purpose of power and all authority is two-fold—first it is to praise those who do well and secondly to punish those who do evil. {BTW, if we want a balanced child-raising program it would be wise to have at least three or four parts of praise to one part punishment. And when we praise our children, let us not mix it with punishment.}
3. **Everyone is under authority.** Even those that are in a position of authority are under authority. Scripture tells us to “submit ourselves one to another in the fear of G-d.” (Eph 5:21)
4. **What do we do if one of the authority structures misuses their power?** And that is going to happen—and G-d planned ahead for that. That is why He tell us that He wants us to learn how to appeal. But we don't appeal by force and by threats, WE APPEAL THROUGH THE L-RD. All appeals come from beneath, but they go through the L-rd. When we appeal though the L-rd, the first thing we must do is check our attitudes, then we check our authority's responsibilities.

The next point is that Scripture gives responsibility to parents, church authorities, to government officials, and to employers. If we want to appeal, we need to appeal on the basis of what Scripture tells them to do or not to do. That is the power of our appeal, not what we want, it's what does G-d's Word says.

What do you do when the government does something wrong? They misuse their power, they praise those who do evil and they punish those who do right. What is needed is power from above, and we have not begun to see the potential of operating as G-d said. You go above. That is why there is a balance of power. We do all kinds of things but we are not going through power from above. Rabbi Sha'ul says that law officers are ministers of G-d for doing good (see Ro. 13:1-10), in fact, it is repeated three times. If we only keep in mind every time there is something wrong we should ask what is the power above? Wives, don't get tough from beneath, appeal from beneath, remembering power is from above, and G-d who is over your husband will put the pressure on your husband.

## Daniel's Seven Steps of Action When He Was Commanded to Do Wrong

When people mention the Book of Daniel, most often Eschatology comes to their minds. Clearly Daniel had visions which are relevant to our and future times. Some might even remember the Lion's Den and the Four Hebrew children. Today, I want to focus on Daniel's character and actions when faced with difficult situations involving his authorities. I believe his actions give us insight into what to do when we are faced with similar (but probably less severe situations). Two times in the life of Daniel he was told to do something that was evil. Daniel knew he couldn't violate *Torah*. Evidently, Daniel followed seven steps of action when commanded to do evil. I believe whenever you or I are asked to do something wrong (whether actual evil or whether it violates our own conscience) we can follow these steps, and as we do we will see G-d's results. First of all we are told that Daniel was of an excellent spirit—and he was loved by those that were around him. They were impressed by his right attitudes. And I would ask you before you have a confrontation, before you are in a situation where you have to or choose to disobey, did you have a good attitude, were you in harmony before that happened? Daniel was in fact tenderly loved by the ones in charge. So the one in charge was open to want to help him do whatever he could.

### Step 1 Check Our Attitudes (Daniel 1:9)

<sup>9</sup>Now God granted Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the commander of the officials.

<sup>9</sup>God caused the chief officer to be kind and sympathetic toward Dani'el. (Daniel 1:9)

### There are Seven Improper Attitudes

- **An Independent Spirit** — a spirit of disloyalty. Fellows, when you meet a gal that you think is the one for you make sure you say to her father: *"I will never marry your daughter without your full consent."* And that is very powerful. In fact, is so powerful don't use it as a gimmick.

One time a fellow said *"Rebbe, that really works!"* And the Rebbe looked at him and thought: *"I would not be too excited about him as a son in law if I was the father."* So the Rebbe said to the young man: *"tell me what happened?"* The young man said: *"I went to the girl's father and I said to him I want you to know I will never marry your daughter without your full consent, and look at the letter he wrote me."* He gave the Rebbe the letter and he read it. It started out *"Dear John... when my daughter introduced you to me my first response was 'you will never marry my daughter.' But then when you told me you would never marry my daughter without my full consent, that gave me a whole new hope for you. If you will follow these suggestions maybe in the future we can work something out..."* There were two or three pages of suggestions!

Many leaders (missionaries, pastors) have said: *"this concept cannot be right, if so it would mean we have been out of the Will of G-d for the last twenty years of ministry because we went into our ministry against our parent's direction."* We have a real problem trying to balance guilt and blame and more and more in our day we are having people with nervous breakdowns. These can be caused by physical problems (such as a chemical imbalance or deficiencies in diet) or they can be caused by spiritual problems. I speak with many a young man who say: *"G-d called me to be in His work and I don't care what my parents say I'm following G-d's calling."* I often say: "How old are you?" They respond "23 or 24." To which I respond: "Do you really want to follow Yeshua?" To which they respond: "Yes!" Then I add: *"You have 7 more years to go! Yeshua was under his parent's authority until He was 30 years old—He was 30 before He went into public ministry!"* There is a distinct difference between being called and being sent. Scripture says: *"many are called but few are chosen (to be sent)"* In between the calling and the sending there is training—especially character training. Yeshua sensed and realized His calling when He was a Bar Mitzvah at 12 years old. At that time He said: *"I must be about my Father's business."* His parents said: *"nothing doing, you come home with us."* Yeshua obeyed His parents and between 12 and 30 He was in the home, learning, training, and

waiting on G-d's time. Scripture tells us that *"He grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with G-d and man."* I am amazed at being able to see the distinction between a calling and a sending.

- **A condemning self righteous spirit.** Here is a girl that wanted to go to a Bible School but her parents expressed: *"she is so self righteous and if she goes to a Bible School, she'll be even more self righteous, so we want her to go to a secular school so she will be more balanced and not so judgmental toward us."*
- **A resistant spirit**—what if a wife is asked to do something immoral by her husband. She cannot do that so what should she do? Should she say: *"I will not do that."* Or should she say: *"well since my husband told me to do it I guess I better do it."* Neither of those! Because if there is a resistant spirit there is a tendency for the husband to feel *"if I can only get her to be more sensual then she'll be more affectionate."* Men, this is certainly not the answer! If you damage the conscience of your wife, you will never be able to enjoy the physical relationship that G-d intended in a marriage. There must first come together a oneness in spirit, in a spirit of fellowship with the L-rd. Then there come a oneness of mind, will and emotion and finally there will be the enjoyment in a physical relationship that G-d planned. She should instead say: *"I want to obey you, and I will obey you in every way I can, but I cannot do this."* And to be able with an obedient spirit to say *'no I cannot do that'* will command respect and whatever the response there will be a deep respect for that kind of an attitude.
- **An ungrateful spirit—a spirit of pride.** A young man wanted to be a minister. His father said: *"nothing doing, I want you to go out to the business world."* A few weeks later I had the opportunity to talk to that father and I said: *"Sir, I know you want the best for your son. Would you explain to me why you do not want your son to be a minister of G-d?"* He said: *"I'll tell you why. My son looks down at me and anyone else in secular work as being unspiritual. He think the only spiritual people are in full-time ministry. I want him to go out in the business world and get knocked around a little bit and when he can learn to be grateful for all I have done for him, then he can go and be a minister."* I have learned over the years to appreciate and respect and listen to the observations of non-believing parents about the wrong attitudes in their sons and daughters. Unbelievers are very sensitive to hypocrisy and they are very alert to things that are not genuine. When they see a lack of genuineness in their own son or daughter they know that it will cause great failure in years to come so they better clear it up now. One day a youth director came up to the Rebbe and said: *"all this stuff is real nice for these people, but you see I happen to be in a family where my parents do not believe Yeshua is the Messiah, and one day they made it very clear to me that I either reject Yeshua or I leave the house. I could not reject Yeshua so I left home."* The Rebbe responded: *"that may be true. There are people that may have to suffer for Yeshua's sake today. But out of the four or five hundred that have expressed that they were suffering for the Messiah's sake, I could only find 3 or 4 that were truly suffering for Yeshua's sake. All the rest of them were suffering for their own sake. They were suffering for their own bad attitudes."* The Rebbe then asked: *"let me ask you something, before you became a believer, were you in harmony with your parents?"* He said: *"no, we didn't get along then either."* *"You know what your parents thought when you became a believer?"* added the Rebbe. *"They thought this was simply one more step of rebellion, one more expression of your rebellion against your parents. Would you be willing to go back and get under your parent's authority in every area except denying Yeshua?"* The young man accepted the Rebbe's counsel and went home and his parent's received him. After several months he called the Rebbe and said: *"it didn't work, Rebbe. They again told me I had to make a choice either follow Yeshua or obey them, I could not do both. So I had to follow Yeshua and left."* The wise Rebbe said: *"I want to make sure you are a genuine modern-day martyr for Yeshua. Can I talk with your parents?"* He said: *"no they do not want to talk to you!"* The Rebbe said: *"try to arrange it."* And he did, and they, in fact, were willing to talk. They expressed that their son had an immature, bad, belligerent, self-righteous, immature, selfish attitude and would use at-

tending services as an excuse for not doing what he was supposed to do. They talked about the change their son had made when he first went back, but how his attitude had deteriorated in the last few months. The Rebbe confronted the young man and the young man said: *“you are right, I’ll try again and do it right this time.”* And he did. Several years later (seven years to be exact) he met a young lady and after a while wanted to court her, but his parents were opposed to courting her, but would allow her as a friend only. After a few months had transpired, he went to his parents and said: *“It is not fair I continue this relationship because I am falling more and more in love with her, and to honor you, I have decided to break up the relationship tonight.”* The son went to work and while he was at work, his father called him and said: *“son, your mother and I have been discussing the situation and we have decided breaking the relationship would be foolish therefore we command you to marry her.”* When a few years later the couple decided to go to a Yeshiva to study the parents not only gave their full support but also invested their savings in the son’s tuition for three of the four years. How many people you know that say they are suffering for the ‘Messiah’s sake’ are really suffering for their own bad attitudes?

- **Lazy Spirit** — which leads to all types of dishonesty
- **Bitter Spirit** — which results in selfishness
- **Impure Spirit** — which leads to self-indulgence

### **Step 2 Clear Our Conscience (Daniel 9:20)**

<sup>20</sup>*Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God.*

<sup>20</sup>*While I was speaking, praying, confessing my own sin and the sin of my people Isra’el, and pleading before ADONAI my God for the holy mountain of my God. (Daniel 9:20)*

- The first thing we need to do is **correct our offending attitude(s) and ask forgiveness to those we have offended to forgive us**. Daniel said there was no blemish in him (refers both to his character and physical). There was nothing they could point a finger at. Later on when they tried to find fault in him, the only “fault” they could find was in his worship of the L-rd, which is not a fault at all, but a real testimony.
- The second thing is to **fulfill known wishes of your authority (parents)**. When young ladies and men come and say: *“my parents do not give me any counsel.”* One should ask: *“are there any known wishes they have for you that you are not fulfilling?”* Because if you are not fulfilling their known wishes, you cannot expect counsel in areas of lesser importance.
- The third thing is to **learn deference**. What is deference? Deference is limiting my freedom in order not to offend the wishes of those who are over me. You and I have the freedom to rest whenever we want to, to look the way we want to, to listen to the music we want to. But if our freedom will cause those that are over us to be offended then we are no longer showing deference. And if we do not learn deference, we will never learn the character of the L-rd Yeshua and we will never be like Him. Deference is limiting my freedoms in order not to offend the wishes, the taste of those that are over me.
- The fourth thing is to **make restitution**. If we have violated our conscience and offended others we must ask forgiveness and where needed to make restitution.

### **Step 3 Discern the Basic Intentions of Those Over You(Daniel 1:10)**

<sup>10</sup>*And the commander of the officials said to Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces looking more haggard than the youths who are your own age? Then you would make me forfeit my head to the king."*

<sup>10</sup>*However, the chief officer said to Dani’el, "I’m afraid of my lord the king. After all, he has given you an allowance of food and drink; so if he were to see you boys looking worse than the others your age, you would be putting my own head in danger from the king”. (Daniel 1:10)*

- **Ask for the goals of those over you (parents, employers, etc.)** Young people you need to ask your parents what their real wishes for you are! If parents have the ability to think about it, they usually come up with five things. First of all **they want you to be happy**. If you cannot demonstrate that you are going to be happy in what it is you think G-d wants you to do then you will not convince them. Secondly **they want you to be financially secure**. If you want to go into ministry and you cannot demonstrate G-d's provision in that, then they will not be too excited about it. Thirdly **they want you to be grateful for what they have done for you up to this point**. It is so easy to communicate to parents the message: *"you have not done for me very much at all."* When really they have done a whole lot more than you can even imagine at the moment. Fourth **they want you to stay in touch with them**. They do not want you to forsake them, they want to continually have a ministry in your life. Finally, **they want to be able to talk about what you are doing with joy and excitement to their friends**. Therefore you need to explain what you are doing in a way that they can tell others and be happy about it. The way to find out is ask them. Have you asked your employers what their goals are for you? Have you asked your spiritual leaders what are their goals for you and your family?
- **Learn Your Authority's Frame of Reference.** It may be that your parents have one viewpoint that is totally inaccurate. So make sure they have all the facts. It may be that your employer doesn't have a real clear picture of what you are trying to ask for. So make sure you look at it through his frame of reference.
- **Discover your blind spots and the blind spots of any authorities that are asking you to do something you shouldn't.** Once a 16-year old girl called and said: *"please help me Rebbe, my mother wants me to marry a real creep."* The creep was 19. They did not have to get married, they were not involved sexually or anything like that. By the way this is not wrongly using this description, but it is a Scriptural term. In 2 Tim 3:6 *"For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts."* Later on the mother called the Rebbe and said: *"will you encourage my daughter to marry this fellow?"* The Rebbe said: *"Now will you tell me why you want your 16 year old daughter to marry this fellow?"* The mother said: *"I'll tell you why. My daughter is a first class flirt. She flirts with every fellow who comes around. And I know that sooner or later she is going to get involved in immorality and we are going to be embarrassed and...so this is the first fellow that's come along that I think I can control."* The Rebbe said to the girl: *"the answer for you is not to marry this fellow and neither is the answer for you not to tell your mother you are not going to marry this fellow. The answer for you is to go tell your mother 'Mom, I am just so grieved that I've made you so fearful. And yes, you are right, and here are the guidelines that I will place in my life so I will no longer flirt with any fellow.'" When you take care of the blind spots it is amazing how the directions change!*
- **Discern G-d's intentions.** Maybe your parents are putting restrictions on you that are really pretty hard and difficult. Others don't get those kinds of restrictions. But realize that maybe G-d is working through your parents even without them knowing it. G-d has given awesome responsibility to parents. For example, parent's final step responsibility is to give approval for a life partner, especially the father. And if your parents would say to you: *"we don't want you to marry this person."* Most of you would retort back and say: *"give me a reason!"* Don't ask for a reason. Why? Because G-d is going to work through even the cautions of your parents and remember that Satan usually reveals his best before G-d brings His best. And it is so important for you to know that you are getting the full approval of your parents, on both sides. If you get a caution, it is like a flashing red light. In the RR, if you see down the track three green lights and a red light, you stay where you are until you see nothing but green lights ahead. Until G-d gives you all the lights green just wait, don't move. One day a professor attending the service said *"Rebbe, I do not agree with this idea."* The Rebbe replied: *"can you give me a Scripture or an illustration that shows different?"* He said: *"there is a girl that lives in our city very capable and she is of age, over 21, and has a very good job and goes to a very good fellowship of believers, and has very many good friends here. And her parents wanted her to move with them to a small retirement town. And she would have to leave a very good job, a very good fellowship,*

*and very good friends so I just told her since she would have to leave her parents sooner or later anyway why not leave now.”* The Rebbe thought, *“I know many parents who would simply say to the daughter you stay here and we’ll leave. So why did G-d put pressure on those parents to get their daughter out of that city? Is it that G-d knew that she would meet her life partner in that small retirement community, or that G-d knew that she would learn good character qualities in that act of obedience that she would never learn any other way.”* The Rebbe said to the professor: *“answer for me this question. After her parents left did she get involved in some major immorality with some fellow?”* The professor was shocked that the Rebbe asked him that and he had to admit: *“yes she did...”* The Rebbe then added: *“Do you suppose that G-d knew in His loving foreknowledge that she would be tempted above that which she was able to endure, and so G-d lovingly put pressure through her parents, unknown to them even, to try and get her out of that area. If she had been obedient to her parents, she would have escaped the destruction that came to her.”* I would like to urge, especially sons and daughters, when your parents fail, say, they fail morally, there is a weakness that is passed down to you—a weakness in the same area. If they fail at anger, there will be a tendency for you to fail at anger. If they fail in pride, there will be a weakness in pride. We not only get the characteristics of our parents, we get the sin nature passed down through our parents, we get physical ailments through our parents. It is no wonder that we also get character weaknesses passed down through our parents. Some of these we are not aware of. That is why often your parents knowing what they failed in will tend to put guidelines and protective barriers around your life. G-d is doing that to protect you in an area of weakness so you do not fail where they fail. Please try to understand G-d’s intentions through authority over you.

#### **Step 4 Design a Creative Alternative (Daniel 1:8-13)**

*<sup>8</sup>But Dani’el resolved that he would not defile himself with the king’s food or the wine he drank, so he asked the chief officer to be excused from defiling himself. <sup>9</sup>God caused the chief officer to be kind and sympathetic toward Dani’el; <sup>10</sup>however, the chief officer said to Dani’el, “I’m afraid of my lord the king. After all, he has given you an allowance of food and drink; so if he were to see you boys looking worse than the others your age, you would be putting my own head in danger from the king.” <sup>11</sup>Then Dani’el said to the guard whom the chief officer had put in charge of Dani’el, Hananyah, Misha’el and ‘Azaryah, <sup>12</sup>“Please! Try an experiment on your servants - for ten days have them give us only vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup>Then see how we look, and compare us with how the boys who eat the king’s food look; and deal with your servants according to what you see.” (Dan. 1:8-13)*

- The first thing to do is **remove the resistant spirit** because a resistant spirit will stifle creativity. An obedient spirit releases creativity and wisdom.
- **Expand our frame of reference.** Often a problem that confronts us seemingly has no solution. For example, when our young Jewish people accept Messiah and their parents do not want them to come to a Messianic Synagogue. So they ask us what to do. Should they obey parents and forsake the assembling of themselves with believers or should they disobey parents and attend services? What do we tell them? It is a struggle because we tend to build a little frame around the problem that confines us to not see a solution. Draw four dots and connect them with two straight lines joined at one end. Can you do it? How many of you can join all four dots with two straight lines connected at one end? If you cannot do this it is because we have drawn this frame around the problem that is too small. If we break out of our mental frame, we can join the four dots with two vertical lines and even with two horizontal lines. But it means we must see a bigger picture. But if we were to go to these parents and explain that our job in the congregation is simply an extension of the character building program that the parents have begun in their home. We want young people to learn obedience, how to be grateful, how to be truthful and so on. Many parents who are not believers would be excited about their children being in such a program. In fact there are multiple ways to solve these problems (draw alternative solutions) solutions we would never have thought of if we only see a bigger picture. And this becomes the goal G-d would have for every single one of us.

- **How do we learn creative alternatives? Through Proverbs** among other things. G-d wrote the Book of Proverbs to teach us equity. Equity is what court you go to when no other court exists, you go to a court of equity. Proverbs was written to give us wisdom, justice, judgment and equity. We should read a proverb each day (corresponding to the day of the month and especially during the Counting of the Omer).
- We need to learn to **view alternatives from our authority's perspective**. Show how it is going to fulfill their goal. When Daniel presented his creative alternative, he presented it from the perspective of what that prince wanted to accomplish.

### **Step 5 Appeal to Our Authority (Daniel 1:12-13)**

<sup>12</sup>"Please! Try an experiment on your servants - for ten days have them give us only vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup>Then see how we look, and compare us with how the boys who eat the king's food look; and deal with your servants according to what you see." (Daniel 1:12-13)

- **The first step of appeal is to explain convictions without condemnation.** Daniel said "*there are laws among our people. It is not lawful for us to do this.*" What if you are asked to read lewd books as part of a course in HS or college? How do you know the difference between pornography and true literature? The distinction is the ability of the author to control your imagination. It is the author's responsibility to do so. If you read something and you get lustful thoughts they did not control your imagination properly or they wrongfully directed it. If you look at a picture and you get lustful thoughts, that is not great art, that is pornography. You might say to the teacher, "*I appreciate this class, but I am not able to do this assignment. Would you therefore allow me to do another study, in the same period of literature and report on this instead?*" In some cases they will let you, in others they might give you a zero for this. Be willing to get the zero because you cannot do that which is evil.
- **Have a learner and a servant spirit because that is often what they are looking for.**
- **Give the creative alternative.**
- **Emphasize their goals.** Daniel said: "*would you therefore give your servants a 10-day test. Give us water and vegetables and then test our strength and our wisdom and you do as you see best.*"
- **Leave the final decision with him.** But he now has new information with which to make his final decision. You are still not going to do evil, but he is able to see a bigger picture. G-d even designed little children with a tremendous ability to make very effective appeals. How many of our kids are not able to appeal their way into things we originally said NO Way?

There are three powerful bases that G-d wants us to use in making wise appeals. And he teaches us these three by what He has in Scripture. **The first basis of appeal is for their reputation—for their name's sake.** 'Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Your name!' G-d, we want to protect Your name. One day a little boy asked his father: "*dad, will you be at the parent's teacher meeting tonight?*" The father said: "*now son, one of these times I'll be there but not tonight. I've got business tonight.*" The little boy said: "*OK dad, I understand.*" A little while later the little boy came and said: "*daddy, I know you are busy tonight and you cannot come but when you are not there my friends say 'see, your daddy doesn't love you,' but I know you can't come, so I understand dad.*" Guess where that father was that evening, and not because he wanted to be at that meeting. He was protecting his own reputation. **The second is that we want to accomplish our authority's goal, not mine but their goal.** **THY KINGDOM COME. The third is your authority is being challenged here.** **THY WILL BE DONE.** Not somebody else's but your will be done.

### **Step 6 Give G-d Time to Change Their Minds (Daniel 1:16)**

<sup>16</sup>"So the guard took away their food and the wine they were supposed to drink, and gave them vegetables." (Daniel 1:16)

- **Expect G-d to put pressure on that person.** Once a wife came and said: “*my husband wants me to get a divorce.*” The Rebbe said: “*you were the one that along with him vowed until death do us part.*” The Rebbe asked her: “*Is G-d putting any kind of pressure on your husband?*” She said: “*he did have a heart attack last month and he is going bankrupt...*” There in Egypt G-d said to pharaoh through Moshe, “*Let my people go.*” And pharaoh said in some many words: “*nothing doing.*” And G-d could have said, “*look here you pip squeak...these are my people and we are leaving...so long pharaoh.*” G-d did not let our people leave the slavery of Egypt until pharaoh said “*please leave and do it now.*” Meanwhile put a LITTLE pressure on pharaoh.
- **How do you know G-d is putting pressure on your authority?** Real simple, they start putting pressure on you! That is exactly what pharaoh did to our people in Egypt. They had to go out, work harder, maintain the same level of bricks, but they had to pick their own stubble...
- **Welcome this pressure to build character.** The Bible refers to those days as Israel’s national physical fitness program, G-d’s way to get the people ready for the wilderness because there were “*none feeble among them...*” They went out strong and rich, because as they went through all of Egypt, the Egyptians gave them gold, silver and clothing and all manner of riches. They got all the money they had earned through the years. They went out rich and strong in G-d’s timing vs. poor and weak in their own timing.
- **Be consistent in the right response.**

### **Step 7 Suffer, If Necessary, For Not Doing Wrong (Daniel 3:8-30)**

<sup>21</sup>“*So these men were tied up in their cloaks, tunics, robes and other clothes, and thrown into the blazing hot furnace.*” (Daniel 3:21)

- You may have to leave your family for a time in order not to deny the L-rd Yeshua (Matt. 10:32-39)
- Proclaim the gospel vs. government (Acts 4:19)
- Die vs. False worship. (Daniel 6:12-16)

Don’t be too eager to rush into the lion’s den too soon.  
Wait until you have clearly followed all 7 steps.

PRAYER GOAL: Will we with our whole heart accept this principle for our own life and allow G-d to show Himself strong on our behalf. Without faith and trust in a BIG POWERFUL G-D it is impossible to please G-d. He can work though any situation to bring about His will. All authority coming from above, balance of power, all under authority and if the authority does wrong, we appeal, the right way, not doing evil. If there are those in authority we have broken relationship with can we purpose right now to as far as we can to reestablish relationship and communication with G-d-given authority. Can you say to G-d, I purpose to do that with all my heart.