

# THE CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO KINGDOMS

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(Daniel 6:1-14)

It is easy to experience conflict between the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. While being citizens in the Kingdom of God we are also residents in the world which is ruled by the kingdom of darkness.

There is an inner turmoil that most people battle with on a daily basis. People are conflicted with doing the right thing while compromising for the wrong thing. The inner war that torments many people is the conflict between honoring the Kingdom of God and **COMPROMISING** with the kingdom of darkness.

The banking institutions, educational academies, career opportunities, political sectors and media outlets are ruled by the kingdom of darkness. Since we live in this world but **NOT OF** this world the temptation to

compromise our integrity, values, morals and beliefs with the kingdom of darkness becomes heightened.

Dealing with the weight of these temptations can cause you to lose sleep. It can cause you to become ill. It may even cause you to lose weight and impact your overall psyche.

### HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- If your job told you that you had to attend the **LGBTQ** gay pride parade to show support, would you do it, **KNOWING** that it is contrary to the morality of the Kingdom of God?
- If a media outlet told you that you could not say Jesus on the air would you comply, **KNOWING** that it would possibly affect your income?

- If a political party offered to bribe you in exchange for a favor would you accept it, **KNOWING** that it goes against the integrity of the Kingdom of God?
- If your friend wanted you to do an illegal activity for a high payout would you participate, **KNOWING** that it is offensive to the Kingdom of God?

These are some of the mere examples that people face daily. It can be a difficult decision choosing to honor the Kingdom of God, while **NOT** compromising with the kingdom of darkness. Why? Because the kingdom of darkness **APPEALS** to your **NATURAL NEEDS**.

For instance, the need to be accepted. The need to belong. The need to be successful and the need to survive. These needs encompass many scenarios which explains why people are willing to **COMPROMISE** what they know is right.

People have used drugs while being aware of the consequences because they wanted to be accepted by their friends. Teenagers have joined violent gangs knowing the consequences because they felt the need to belong to someone who may care about them.

Many people have manipulated and betrayed the individuals who loved them for the need to attain financial success. Unfortunately, many people gravitate to the kingdom of darkness and **COMPROMISE** the Kingdom of God because they focus on what is in front of them instead of looking at what is ahead of them.

## A LESSON FROM DANIEL

Daniel 6:1-14

Daniel had to choose between honoring the Kingdom of God or submitting to the authority of the kingdom of darkness. In Daniel 6:7 the supervisors, assistant governors and the law captains suggested to king Darius that he make a new law for everyone to obey.

They wanted king Darius to implement a law where no one should pray to any god or human except to him for thirty days. If anyone decided to disobey this law they would be thrown into the lions den.

Daniel was a man of God. He was a man of excellence. He was a man of wisdom. He was a man of integrity. He was a man of prayer.

He was favored by God and he was favored by king Darius. Daniel had a **CONSISTENT** prayer life. He prayed three times a day.

He knew that this law would force him to **COMPROMISE** his Kingdom values. However, while being aware of the consequences Daniel chose to honor the Kingdom of God and **REJECT** the kingdom of darkness.

In Daniel 6:10 says, "*Even though Daniel knew that the new law had been written, he went to pray in an upstairs room in his house, which had windows that opened toward*

*Jerusalem. Three times each day Daniel would kneel down to pray and thank God, just as he **ALWAYS** had done."*

Daniel is an admirable guy. He chose to honor the Kingdom of God even though he knew it would cost him his life. Because of Daniel's decision, king Darius threw him in the lions den to be devoured by ferocious lions.

Please keep this in mind. Going against the kingdom of darkness will **ALWAYS CAUSE YOU TO BE PERSECUTED**. Even though Daniel was in the midst of danger the lions **DID NOT** devour him. Daniel defended the Kingdom of God.

He stood for righteousness and he **DID NOT COMPROMISE** the Kingdom of God. Because of Daniel's faith the Lord sent angels to shut the lions mouth so they would **NOT** devour him.

Daniel 6:22 says, *"My God sent his angel to close the lions mouths. They have not hurt me, because my God knows I am*

*innocent. I never did anything wrong to you, O King."* In this scripture, Daniel shows us how God responds and helps his people when they **DO NOT** compromise to appease the kingdom of darkness.

He shows us how God will **PROTECT** us when we stand for what is right. Do what is right and honor the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God will never leave you unrewarded.

## DO NOT COMPROMISE

Daniel faced tremendous temptation. However, he knew which Kingdom would make him victorious. My question to you is this. Are you compromising your Kingdom values for worldly gain?

If you are doing this I hope you would reconsider.

**TEMPORARY GAIN WILL NOT GIVE YOU ETERNAL GLORY!** As long as you live on the earth you will face the

temptation to compromise. I hope you will stand strong with the Kingdom of God.

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