



# DANIEL

CONVICTION IN A CULTURE OF COMPROMISE

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# Examine Nebuchadnezzar

- Acknowledges God
- Seeks help from magicians and Daniel
- Ignores Daniel and suffers consequences
- A better statement of humility

How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

**Daniel 4:3**



Then the magicians, the enchanters, the  
Chaldeans, and the astrologers came in, and I  
told them the dream, but they could not make  
known to me its interpretation.

**Daniel 4:7**

At last Daniel came in before me—he who was  
named Belteshazzar **after the name of my god**,  
and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods—and  
I told him the dream...

**Daniel 4:8**



## Not restricted to the Old Testament

Pilate - sensed the truth but did not take action

Herod - wanted to see Jesus perform tricks

Simon Magus - tried to buy Holy Spirit

Agrippa - said he was almost persuaded by Paul

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## Minor Point

- Belshazzar = Nebuchadnezzar's son
- Bel**te**shazzar = Nebuchadnezzar's "god"
- Bel**te**shazzar = Neb's nickname for Daniel

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All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the  
flower of grass. The grass withers, and the  
flower falls, but the word of the Lord stands  
forever.

**I Peter 1:24**



**Daniel lived through**  
**Nebuchadnezzar - Babylonians**  
**Belshazzar - Babylonians**  
**Darius - Mede**  
**Cyrus - Persian**

**What do we do?**

A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. He said to himself, 'What should I do? I don't have room for all my crops.'

**Luke 12:16-17 NLT**



Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods.'

**Luke 12:18**

And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend,  
you have enough stored away for years to  
come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be  
merry!"

**Luke 12:19**

**But God said to him, 'You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?'**

**Luke 12:20**



# Our applications

- Appreciate the patience of God
- Avoid superficial godliness
- Don't delay when you know the truth

Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly  
wealth but not have a rich relationship with  
God.

**Luke 12:21**

## Next teaching in Daniel

- Visions of eternity
- God's plan for the end of time
- A glorious hope for our future.