

Volume 07, Issue 10: Trust God to Take Care of You

When King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon declared war on Jerusalem and besieged the city, he took with him some Israelites from the royal family and nobility. These were young men who were healthy and handsome, intelligent and well-educated, good prospects for leadership positions in his government. The King intended to indoctrinate them in the Babylonian language and the lore of magic and fortunetelling.

Daniel and his three friends were among those selected. The King ordered that they be served from the same menu as the royal table – the best food, the finest wine. After three years of training, they would be given positions in the king's court.

Daniel and his friends gave up the opportunity to enjoy the delicacies of the palace for the sake of honouring God. They requested to be exempt from the royal diet. Some of us can barely sacrifice regular food for one day to draw near to God.

Daniel trusted that if he sacrificed the king's food, the best of the best in the land, God would see to it that he and his friends wind up stronger, healthier, and better looking than those who took the land's best.

How do you trust God to take care of you like that? The king offered them the best so they could turn out healthy and strong, fit for his service. But determined to not defile themselves, Daniel and his friends quietly turned it down.

God takes care of his. At the end of the training, the Bible records that Daniel and his friends looked better and more robust than all the other young men who ate from the royal menu.

Our own understanding says 'no way'. There's no way a meal of vegetables and water for three years could possibly beat a daily royal feast to turn out stronger and healthier. But God nourished Daniel and his friends supernaturally. They turned out far superior than the rest of the

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young men in training with them.

Surely God is able to do immeasurably above and beyond what we could dare think or imagine. In addition to nourishing them physically, God gave these four young men knowledge and skill in both books and life. When the King interviewed them at the end of the training, he found them far superior to all the other young men. None were a match for Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

The Bible records that Daniel's wisdom was ten times better than that of all the magicians and enchanters in the kingdom put together; ten times better than all the experts put together. Imagine that!

That's the kind of God we serve. May this revelation build our faith to know that we can do all things, and have all that God has destined us to do and have. And why is that? Because we are the righteousness of God. We have right standing with God; not because we do everything right, but because we love him and we are in Christ. We have been justified and made right with God by the blood of the Lamb.

I am persuaded that there's no other way but to trust God in all things. Let us learn to have our first response to challenges be '*I trust God*', not anxiety and complaining. Daniel and his friends were God-fearing men. They had already been captured from home and taken captive into a foreign land, yet they trusted God. They trusted God to take care of them even in captivity.

It was God's idea to deliver the children of Israel from Egypt. That rescue plan wasn't a mass murder mission. God had a good plan for them - freedom and prosperity. He didn't deliver them from the tyranny of Egypt and across the red sea only to have them die of thirst or starve to death or perish by the sword of their enemies on the way home. Yet they didn't trust him to take care of their needs for water and food, and to defeat their enemies on the way. Whenever they faced a challenge, they responded by complaining. They failed every test. Determine to pass the tests you face in life by responding with trust and praise.

Trust God when things are going well, and when things are not going so well. Trust God on the mountain top, and trust God in the valley. Many times we ask God '*why?*' when faced with problems. Daniel and his friends could have doubted God for letting them get captured along

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with sinners. God didn't exempt them from that trouble and humiliation. But they trusted him. Instead of complaining, they trusted God, and God took care of them.

The righteous are as bold as a lion. Anything God has said you can have for his sake and for the sake of his Kingdom, you should not take no for an answer – *Joyce Meyer*. Don't compromise to get ahead. Trust God to take care of you. No matter your circumstances, choose to trust God.

Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.

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