

***Resolving Under God's Rule: God Rules in Babylon***

Daniel 1

- I. Because God is in control, don't doubt his choices (1:1-2). The Lord put one ruler under another ruler.
  - A. The Lord allows adversity to come (1:1). Nebuchadnezzar came upon Jerusalem.
  - B. The Lord allows adversity to conquer (1:2). Nebuchadnezzar carried away captives.
  
- II. Because God is in control, don't disobey his word (1:3-16). God softened one servant toward another servant.
  - A. There are pressures to conform to this world (1:3-7). Nebuchadnezzar required conformity.
  - B. There is a choice to resist this world (1:8-16). Daniel resolved not to compromise.
  
- III. Because God is in control, don't resist his will (1:17-21). God enabled some for special service.
  - A. God provides you with what you need to serve him where you are (1:17-20). Nebuchadnezzar recognized their competence to serve.
  - B. God sustains you to serve as long as he pleases (1:21). Daniel continued in service for many years.