

**Serm. Series: Daniel: Christ Among the Exiles**

**Sermon Text:** Daniel 1:1-21 Eating from the Lord's Table

**In Christ God gives us what we need for His purposes.**

- 1) **God gives us trials to share in the suffering of Christ (1:1-7).**
  - a) Verse 2, "And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into [Nebuchadnezzar's] hand."
  - b) In Isaiah 28:21 "strange deed."
    - i) Discipline for sin
    - ii) Discipline for maturity
  - c) Christ's Crucifixion
    - i) God's Plan (John 19)
    - ii) Our Share (Phil. 1:29)
- 2) **Second, God gives us grace to pursue holiness in Christ (1:8-16).**
  - a) Holiness is consecration, or devotion to God.
    - i) Fruit of holiness—deeds
    - ii) Corollary of holiness—separation from evil
  - b) Verse 9 "God gave Daniel favor and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs."
    - i) External Grace through others
    - ii) Internal Grace (Phil. 2:12-13)
  - c) The riches of Christ for our sanctification (Phil. 4:19).
  - d) God glorified as our Provider (Phil. 4:20).
- 3) **God gives us wisdom to succeed in our calling in Christ (1:17-21).**
  - a) "God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom" (v. 17).
  - b) Vocation: From God, for God, through God
  - c) Who is sufficient for these things?

**Doxology:** Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25