TODAY’S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: DANIEL 1:1-8

“YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT”

“In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it.”
Daniel 1:1

“And the LORD gave Jehoiakim...into his hand with some of the articles of the house of GOD...which carried...into the house of his god.”
Daniel 1:2

“Then the king instructed Ashpenaz...to bring some of the children of Israel and some of the king’s descendants and some of the nobles.”
Daniel 1:3

“young men in whom there was no blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all wisdom, possessing knowledge and quick to understand...”
Daniel 1:4a
“...who had ability to serve in the king’s palace, and whom they might teach the language and literature of the Chaldeans.”

*Daniel 1:4b*

**SERMONIC POINTS:**

#1: NUTRITION
#2: EDUCATION
#3: IDENTIFICATION

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**SERMONIC POINT #1:**

**NUTRITION**

(vs. 5a)

“And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king’s **delicacies** and of **the wine** which he drank,...”

*Daniel 1:5a*

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**SERMONIC POINT #3:**

**EDUCATION**

(vs. 5b)

“...and three years **training** for them, so that at the end of that time they might serve before the king.”

*Daniel 1:5b*
“Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah.”
Daniel 1:6

“SERMONIC POINT #2: IDENTIFICATION (vs. 7)"

“To them the chief...gave names: he gave Daniel the name Belteshazzar, to Hananiah, Shadrach, to Mishael, Meshach, and to Azariah, AbedNego.”
Daniel 1:7

“NAME DEFINITIONS:
~ DANIEL: “Judge-My-GOD”
~ HANANIAH “JHV Has Given
~ MISHAEL “Who Is Like-GOD
~ AZARIAH “Whom JHV Helps

“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank;”
Daniel 1:8a

“therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs (Ashpenaz) that he might not defile himself.”
Daniel 1:8b

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“For as he *thinks in his heart*, so is he.”

*Proverbs 23:7a*