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..." "...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

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,..."

Paniel 1:5a

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: IDENT-IFICATION

(vs. 7)

"To them the chief...gave names: he gave Daniel the name <u>Belteshazzar</u>, to Hananiah, <u>Shadrach</u>; to Mishael, <u>Meshach</u>, and to Azariah, <u>AbedNego</u>." <u>Daniel 1:7</u>

NAME DEFINITIONS:

~DANIEL: <u>"Judge-My-GOD"</u>

∼HANANIAH <u>"JHV Has Given</u>

∼MISHAEL "Who Is Like-GOD

∼AZARIAH <u>"Whom JHV Helps</u>

"But Daniel <u>purposed in</u> <u>his heart</u> 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."

Paniel 1:8b

"For as he <u>thinks in</u> <u>his heart</u>, so is he."

Proverbs 23:7a