

Daniel 6:1

by Chuck Smith

To experience life on its highest plane, we must have our spirit ruled by God, which is possible through faith in Jesus Christ and committing ourselves to Him.

Scripture: Daniel 6:3, John 3:3, John 10:10, Romans 8:16, 1 Corinthians 2:14, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:16, Ephesians 2:1-5, Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:2

Topics: "Spiritual Leadership", "Living with Purpose"

Description

Chuck Smith emphasizes the character of Daniel, a man of excellent spirit, who allowed his spirit to rule over his body and mind. He highlights the importance of having a purpose in life, specifically to live in a way that pleases Jesus Christ, which leads to true communion with God. Smith explains that a life ruled by the spirit is fulfilling and peaceful, while a life dominated by bodily appetites leads to frustration and disconnection from God. He encourages believers to be 'born again' and to let Jesus be the Lord of their lives to experience this spiritual ruling. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a transformation that prioritizes spiritual desires over physical ones.

Transcript

DANIEL A MAN OF EXCELLENT SPIRIT

Intro: Man is made up of body, soul, spirit. Not originally created in this order. Our mind is in the middle being ruled by body appetites or spiritual desires.

I. "AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT WAS IN HIM"

A. A man whose spirit excelled.

1. The spirit was uppermost and ruled

B. How did this come about?

1. He was a man of purpose.

a. He had purposed not to defile himself.

- b. So many today lack a purpose
- 1. Purpose to live a life pleasing to Jesus Christ.

C. What were the marks of the excellent spirit.

- 1. He was a man of power.
- 2. Ruled in three great kingdoms.

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SPIRIT RULING.

A. Only as the spirit rules do we have communion with God.

- 1. God does not deal directly with our body or our mind.
 - a. His Spirit bears witness with our spirits.
 - b. This is life on its highest plane.
 - c. Life and peace.

B. Life ruled by the body appetites is life on the animal plane.

- 1. It is never satisfied "Drink this water."
- 2. It is out of touch with God. "The mind of the flesh cannot know God."
- 3. It is an enemy of God.
- 4. It leads to great frustrations.
 - a. Always conscious of something more to life.
 - b. Seeking that something through varied experiences.
 - c. Thinking for a time you have discovered.
 - d. Disappointed and searching again.

III. HOW TO BE RULED BY THE SPIRIT.

A. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."

- 1. That which is born of flesh is flesh.
 - a. From earliest days your body appetites ruled.

1. While you were in crib you began to express your demands for someone to fulfill them.

a. If they failed you would let them know in uncertain terms.

"You haven't changed much."

b. "that which is born of the spirit is spirit."

2. How can a man be born again?

Whosoever "believeth" in Him."

trusts upon relays - commits himself.

Let Jesus become Lord of your life.

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