

Standing for Truth in a Day of Compromise

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” – 1 Peter 5:8

I. The temptation to compromise is always progressive – Daniel 1:5, 8; 3:5-6; 6:6-8

II. Those who stand in little things are most likely to stand in weightier matters

“He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.” – Luke 16:10

“And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.” – Luke 19:17

III. Standing for truth is always right, but it helps to have others willing to stand together

IV. Those who stand for truth will always be a significant minority – 3:2-3; 7, 12

V. Those who stand for truth draw the rage and fury of the unbelieving world – 3:13, 19

VI. Christ stands with those who stand for truth in a day of compromise – Daniel 3:23-25

“But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour...Fear not: for I am with thee...” – Isaiah 43:1-3, 5

“But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name’s sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake. But there shall not an hair of your head perish.” – Luke 21:12-18

