



THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God.” (Romans 3:23).

God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

The Good News Is That Christ Paid for Our Sins.

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).

We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ by Faith as Our Personal Saviour.

The Bible Says, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13).*

A Strong Life Story

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Memory Verse- Philippians 3:13

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.”

*Your
Thoughts*

Life is made up of decisions. The decisions of your life tell a story. A story about about who you are. These decisions are made on a daily basis and make up the larger picture of what others read. Psalm 90:10 says, *“For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told.”*

You can look at your life like a book with paragraphs and chapters. You begin writing the introduction of your book at birth. Then each stage of life is a chapter. You are closing one chapter as you finish high school and begin another as you enter college.

It is possible to have great chapters all they way through. It is also possible that you have written some bad or negative chapters. The amazing thing about a book is it is made up of multiple chapters. If one is not that good and the rest are the book will be remembered by its good chapters. One bad chapter does not have to ruin the whole story.

Another way for us to stay strong in our faith in an increasing secular society is by making biblical decisions. Read Daniel 5:1-6:4.

Think about it:

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up of the daily
decisions that we make.***

*Your
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Decisions That Build a Life Story

Daniel's decisions before college, while in college, and after graduation all built up for this moment. The queen knowing the situation of the king needing to understand the writing on the wall immediately thinks of someone. The queen knew about Daniel. How? She heard how Daniel interpreted the dream for Nebuchadnezzar.

What did the queen know about Daniel? The spirit of the holy gods was in him. This means she could see something more than human in Daniel. She could see a divine Spirit. Daniel was a believer that lived out his faith and the Holy Spirit was seen all over him. He possessed light. He could see hidden things that only a divinity could reveal to him. He possessed

Think about it:

The queen could see the Spirit of God all over Daniel's life.

an excellent spirit. He was humble, mildly tempered, treated others with love, respect, and patience. This qualified him to receive the gift of wisdom. Read Ecclesiastes 2:26.

Daniel possessed a powerful testimony. A testimony is a life story that that is read by others. Daniel was not perfect. He made mistakes but he based his life on biblical decisions that built a strong life story. What do we do when we make bad decisions? Read Philippians 3:13-14. Paul murdered and persecuted believers. He had a dark past but he said to forget those bad decisions and look forward making biblical decisions to serve the Lord.

Daniel's powerful life story made it all the way to the king. Twice the king in verses fourteen and sixteen says, "I have heard of thee". It was Daniel's life story that brought him to this opportunity for God to use him.

Decisions Not to be Bought

The king proposes a lavish offer to Daniel. If he will interpret the dream, the king will give him prestigious clothing, fine jewelry, and a tremendous promotion to third in command. What is Daniel's response to such an offer? *"Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another."*

Daniel could not be bought or bribed with money, possessions, or promotion. He was not in it for what he could get. He would only do it because the Lord wanted him to. What would you do? Read Esther chapters 5-7 and look at Daniel's opposite, Haman. There are people that will bend and mold in order to get the money, power, position, or possessions

Decisions Not to be Become Big-Headed

Daniel interprets the writing on the wall for the king and receives the gift the king promised. He is promoted to third in command. Daniel has gone from being a captive in Babylon, to graduating college with honors, to working hard, to becoming third in command!

How does this affect Daniel is 6:3-4? Notice that Daniel kept an excellent spirit. He was faithful to his job, friends, the king, and the people he served. He was honest and not in it for gain. Daniel did not change. He could have swollen with pride like Haman in the book of Esther. He could have indulged in the power and money. He could have gotten really big headed and prideful. Why did he not?

God remained first in his life. He remembered who he was and where he came from. He made biblical decisions and lived a life of faith no matter where he was or who he was around.

Think About it:

How will you react if you are promoted or make more money? Will you change?

*Your
Thoughts*