



**He answered, and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the son of God. Daniel 3:25 (KJV)**

### **Dare to Be Like Daniel in 2022**

As one year ends and another begins, it is natural to look back at the old and forward to the new year. For this year's message, I want to look forward and focus on 2022. How will I do that? By taking us back to the 6th century BC and the Book of Daniel.

One of the purposes of the Book of Daniel was to provide information concerning the "Times of the Gentiles," and demonstrate how the Jewish people were to live in these difficult times. The four young role models, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, were taken captive by Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar, and spent their entire lives living in captivity. Throughout their captivity, they experienced situations that tested their faith. In chapter 1, it was "you must eat the king's food." In chapter 3, it was "you must fall down and worship the golden image." In chapter 6, it was "you can only pray to Darius." In each case, a decision had to be made; obey the king or obey God. Not obeying the king would result in serious, negative consequences. In all three instances, our role models chose God. Their faith was strong enough to believe in God even when confronted with physical harm. That is the kind of faith I challenge each of us to have in 2022. I say this because I believe our faith will be challenged soon. Could something similar happen to us, and if so, could this affect CPFI?

Is it beyond the realm of possibility for the king of our nation to set forth an edict in direct opposition to one of CPFI's Articles of Faith, with serious negative consequences? We would be in a similar position as Daniel and his three friends, having to decide between obeying God or man. Our decision, just like theirs, will depend on the strength of our faith.

Financial loss is one possible serious negative consequence. For example, the edict might state, "Do not say that Jesus is the only way to heaven. You will be fined \$5,000 for each violation. After the third violation, you will lose your 501c3 status." This demands a decision between obedience to God or to man. Do we continue to preach the truth of the Gospel and lose our finances, or water down the Gospel and keep them? I believe it would be beneficial for us as members of CPFI to declare where we stand as an organization in cases where edicts and God conflict. CPFI is a collection of individuals, and as such I am interested in knowing which you choose. As your treasurer, let me be very clear as to where I stand. I stand with Daniel and his friends. Jesus is the only way to the Father (John 14:6). He is the truth who has the power to transform one's eternal destiny. The importance of the Gospel trumps our finances.

The theme that runs throughout the Book of Daniel is that God is in control, even in the most adverse circumstances. Today is the day to choose who you will serve. Let us all dare to be like Daniel, choosing to obey God as we enter the uncharted waters of 2022.

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The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. In August 2020, we began meeting monthly on the 1st Sunday of the month. If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at [Office@cpfi.org](mailto:Office@cpfi.org). She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**, for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.  
Fred Eckel, Past President

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