

SERMON HANDOUT for February 4, 2024

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

THE PRODIGAL WAS PRODIGAL IN HIS THINKING
LONG BEFORE HE BECAME PRODIGAL IN HIS LIVING.

~Dr. Kendall C. Wright, Pastor



“RACISM STRIPS... BUT GOD EQUIPS”

Daniel 1:1-8 NKJV; Romans 12:2 NKJV

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INTRODUCTION

It is suspected that ALL have experienced racism to some degree.

Goal of this message is to help you see Racism is satanically rooted in DIVISION.

Gods Plan for man is UNITY... “IN CHRIST”

MLK, in the sermon, Drum Major Instinct: *“Everybody can be GREAT, because anybody can SERVE.”*

Daniel 1:1-2 NKJV

King Nebuchadnezzar represents **“The World”** or better yet that **“WORLD SYSTEM”** (racism).

Daniel 1:3 NKJV

ASHPENAZ represents those who *THINK* they must LIVE according to the ways of the **World** they CONFORM to the ways of the world.

Daniel 1:4a NKJV

“God-given” PHYSICAL attributes...

“God-given” MENTAL abilities...

Daniel and 3 Hebrew Boys represented those who live God’s WAY (Romans 8:16)

RACISM either **“SEEKS” TO DESTROY** or **RACISM “ATTEMPTS” TO CONFORM**

RACISM “-CIDES” with the end goal “killing:” pesticide, insecticide.

Either RACISM seeks to destroy: Genocide, Democide, Homicide, Suicide

Or RACISM attempts to conform: **ETHNOCIDE**

*To assimilate selected individuals into the dominant culture BUT to **strip** them of their original heritage and culture.*

Daniel 1 is a picture of **ETHNOCIDE**.

RACISM STRIPS...

1) RACISM ATTEMPTS TO STRIP YOU OF WHAT YOU _____

Daniel 1:4 NKJV

2) RACISM ATTEMPTS TO STRIP YOU OF WHO YOU _____

Daniel 1:7 NKJV

All names that honored **Their God**:

Daniel (El = Elohim) – _____ is my Judge

Hananiah (ah) – _____ shows grace

Mishael – Who is like _____?

Azariah – _____ is my help

All focused their attention on “other gods”:

Belteshazzar – Bel (Baal) protects my life

Shadrach – command of Aku (moon god)

Meshach – Who is what Aku is?

Abednego – Servant of Nebo/Nebo

3) RACISM ATTEMPTS TO STRIP YOU OF WHAT YOU _____

Daniel 1:5 NKJV

Not ONLY about Food and Drink. Actually - a diabolical attempt TO CONFORM BELIEFS/VALUES.

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4) DANIEL WAS _____ IN HIS THINKING AND IN HIS HEART

Daniel 1:8 NKJV

Romans 12:2 NKJV

Not ONLY about Food and Drink. Actually, a diabolical attempt to CONFORM their BELIEFS/ VALUES.

Conformed – to be fit into a mold (passive term – you “allow” it to happen)

Transformed – to be metamorphosized (a one-way transformation (caterpillar => butterfly))

Despite attempts of racism: **God’s PURPOSE** is to get YOU to **PURPOSE GOD** in your heart!

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