

## GOD'S TEENAGERS

INTRO: Read Daniel 1:1-6

- A. Time of Tragedy for Judah
  - a. Nebuchadnezzar – Captain of Army which came against Egypt
  - b. After subduing Egypt, laid siege to Jerusalem
  - c. Nebuchadnezzar receives word of his Father's death and hastens home
  - d. Judah Rebuilt – A second siege – 10,000 captured, including the Royal Princes
  - e. A third attack and Jerusalem sacked, the Temple destroyed – all but a few taken back to Babylon captive
  - f. The Four Teenagers – Apparently brought to Babylon after second attack as part of the Royal Princes
- I. God's Faithful Remnant seems to have been Four Teenagers
  - a. The refusal to compromise as others did
    - i. The King's food and wine v. 1:5
    - ii. All four had apparently taken the Nazarene vow. Eating the King's food would violate it
  - b. The plan they presented – A 10 days trial – v. 1:12 which worked
- II. Though still young – They had power with God
  - a. The King's dream
  - b. The inability of the wise men
  - c. The decree of death
  - d. Again a bold approach v. 2:6
  - e. The prayer meeting
  - f. The God-given answer
- III. God was faithful to them
  - a. The King's gratitude v. 2:48
  - b. Daniel's request for his friends v. 2:44

CONC: We live in times marked by tragedy

- A. Departure from the faith
- B. A day of special challenge to young people
  - a. Some of you are needed in full-time service
  - b. Others are needed here, in the church

ILLUS: "The word has yet to see what God can do through one life wholly yielded to Him." A young shoe clerk, "By the grace of God, I'll be that man."

May each of you determine to be one of God's teenagers, or one of God's young people, if you are older!

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