



THE WILL PAVES THE WAY

Daniel 1:8-15

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PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS

- The WILL is amazing and can help us accomplish more than we sometimes know or believe.
- Revisited a book, *The Obstacle is the Way*, recently.
 - All about triumphing over trial(s) and emerging victorious **because of the hardship**.
 - It all begins with fortifying and preparing the heart and having a determined will!!!!
 - Like the Stoics – those who practice the philosophy of *Stoicism*

But **Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself** with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank ... **Daniel 1:8**

Daniel's friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, joined him in this stance. **Daniel 1:11-12**

From the outset, their minds were made up – no equivocating, oscillating, or wavering!!!

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- **Joseph can tell you about it, as he withstood unjust and undeserved incarceration.**
 - **David understood it, as he triumphed over Goliath.**
 - **Paul was familiar with it, as he awaited Roman trial.**
 - **The LORD conquered death and reigns as a consequence.**

Lord's Invitation Extended to All

- **Be added to the Lord's body --**
Hear the gospel (Acts 15:7)
Believe (Hebrews 11:6, Acts 15:7)
Repent (Acts 2:38)
Confess (Acts 8:36; Romans 10:10)
Be baptized for the remission of sin
(Acts 2:38) or

Lord's Invitation (cont'd)

- Be reconciled unto the Lord **(1 John 1:8-9)**; or
- Desire prayer. **(James 5:16)**.



***May GOD richly
bless you!***