



How Shall We Then Live?

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Introduction: *The culture that we live in today is vastly different than the culture we sent our graduates and young people into 30 or 40 years ago.*

God's absolutes are out, man's philosophy which runs the gamut from atheism to subjective secularism is in. Our world no longer has a fixed point of reference called the Bible, God's objective revelation of truth.

In the book of Daniel, three young Hebrew men found themselves in a very similar situation. From these three young men, we can learn lessons about how we are to live in our pagan culture.

Daniel 3:1-6, 15-18, 21-25, 28-30

- I. The conflict we face is a clear-cut one.

- II. Our lives and lifestyles will be in stark contrast to the godless culture in which we are living.

III. Your standard for behavior and lifestyle in this culture must continue to be the Word of God. (vv. 16-18)

IV. Your culture's view of God will most often be determined by its view of you, a child of God. (vv. 28-29)

Conclusion: *Our culture world-wide today is hostile to the gospel and the truth of God's Word. If you are strong and stand up like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and do not bow the knees to the gods of the world, you will undoubtedly face a fiery furnace.*