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An Uncompromising Life

Outline

Introduction

- A. The Compromise of Society
 - 1. Its expression within society
 - 2. Its emulation among the saved
- B. The Call of Scripture
 - 1. The call established
 - 2. The Corinthians exhorted
 - 3. The consequences explained
 - a) Compromise destroys our worship
 - (1) Hebrews 13:12-15
 - (2) 1 John 2:15
 - (3) James 4:4
 - b) Compromise destroys our service
 - 4. The commitment exemplified

Lesson

- I. The Plight (vv. 1-2)
 - A. The Sorrow of the Situation
 - 1. Jerusalem besieged
 - 2. Judah warned
 - B. The Setting of the Scene
 - 1. Daniel's deportation to Babylon
 - 2. Nebuchadnezzar's defeat of Jerusalem
- II. The Plot (vv. 3-7)
 - A. Taking the Hostages (v. 3)
 - 1. The command to Ashpenaz
 - 2. The children of Israel

B. Training the Hostages (vv. 4-7)

1. The selection process (v. 4a)

a) Physical qualities

(1) Age

(2) Appearance

b) Mental qualities

(1) "Skillful in all wisdom"

(2) "Gifted in knowledge"

(3) "Understanding science"

c) Social qualities

2. The educational process (v. 4b)

a) Languages

b) Sciences

c) Humanities

3. The nourishment process (vv. 5-7)

a) Obligation for the future (vv. 5-6)

(1) The king's food

(2) The king's wine

b) Obliteration of the past (v. 7)

III. The Purpose (v. 8a)

A. The Acceptance

1. Heathen education

2. Heathen names

B. The Abstinence

1. Jewish dietary laws

2. Pagan idolatrous customs

Conclusion

A. The Reasons for Compromise

B. The Refusal to Compromise