

**God Has a Man – God Has a Plan**

***Trusting in the Providence of God in the book of Daniel***

**Introduction: Is there a man? Is there a plan?**

**Daniel’s Resolve: I won’t compromise a little (Daniel 1)**

*Daniel Counters Israel’s Legacy of Bad Leadership*

 Israel’s bad kings Daniel

Ahaz compromised and capitulated Daniel was resolved

Manasseh did evil from his youth for Daniel was righteous from his youth for a long time for a long time

Jehoiakim cut up and burned Scripture Daniel obeyed Scripture

especially from Jeremiah especially from Jeremiah

**The Test of Integrity** (1:1-7)

“This Mesopotamian worldview was polytheistic in nature, superstitious in character, and pluralistic in practice.”

**Andrew Hill**

**The Response of Integrity** (1:8-16)

* Build convictions in the heart
* Know your boundaries
* Recognize where to negotiate

**The Provision of God** (1:17-21)

“Daniel’s longevity testified both to God’s sovereignty over the nations and his faithfulness to his people Israel. Even as Daniel outlasted the kings of the Babylonian Empire, so God’s people were sustained in captivity and eventually permitted to return to their homeland of covenantal promise . . . Likewise, the presence of the Israelite named Daniel in the royal court of seven Babylonian monarchs and the first king of Persia was a tangible reminder that God is the one who sets up kings and deposes them.”

**Andrew Hill**

*05-02-2023 CIC*