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Proverbs 3:1-4

My son, do not forget my law,
But let your heart keep my commands;
² For length of days and long life
And peace they will add to you.
³ Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart,
⁴ *And* so find favor and high esteem
In the sight of God and man.



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Proverbs 3:7-10

Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

⁸ It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones.

⁹ Honor the LORD with your possessions,
And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

¹⁰ So your barns will be filled with plenty,
And your vats will overflow with new wine.

The Command



***Trust in the Lord
with all your heart***

- Trust – BATACH
Find Safety
- Lord – YHVH
God of Relationship
- Heart – *LABE*
Inner person or mind

Things Keeping From Trusting

- Problems greater than resources

Fear

Rather than running to God we run to other resources

- Resources greater than problems

False Security

Think we can handle the problem – don't need God

- The way we have always done something

Routine

We just get into our groove

- The way other have always done something

Tradition

We follow others

The Warning



***And lean not on your own
understanding***

- Lean – *SHAAN*
To lean or support oneself
- Understanding – *BINAH*
Discernment or
consideration



Leaning on Your Own Understanding ⁽¹⁾



Abraham

- Makes a major decision because of life circumstances without seeking God's guidance

Genesis 12:10-20

- The consequences . . .

Hagar



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Lot

- Makes major business deal without seeking God
Genesis 13:5-12; 14:12; 19:1,8, 15-17
- The consequences . . .
Moabites - Ammonites



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King Saul

- Listened to the people rather than God

1 Samuel 15:2-23

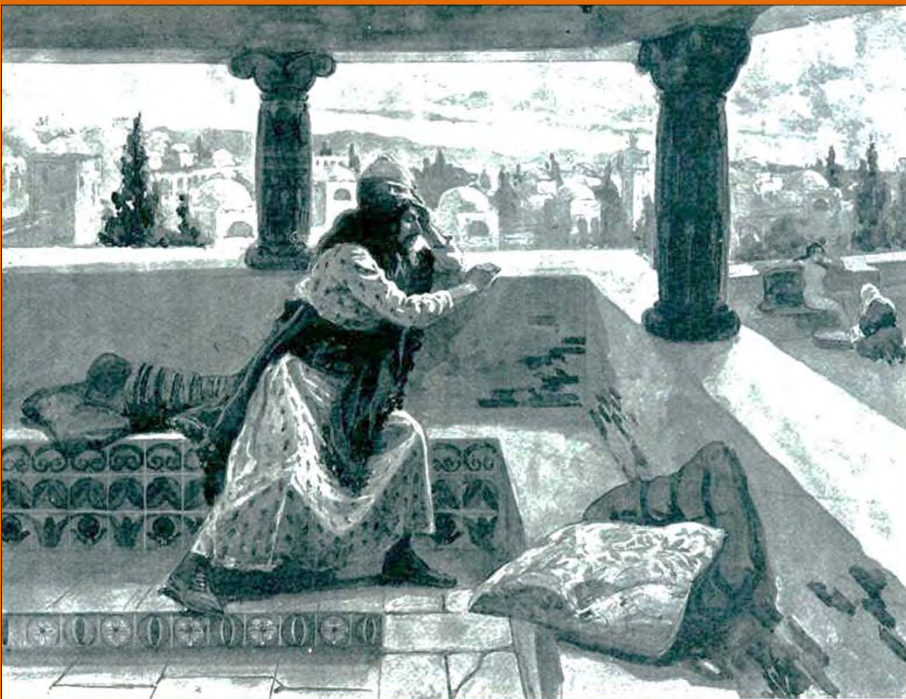
- Lost his kingdom



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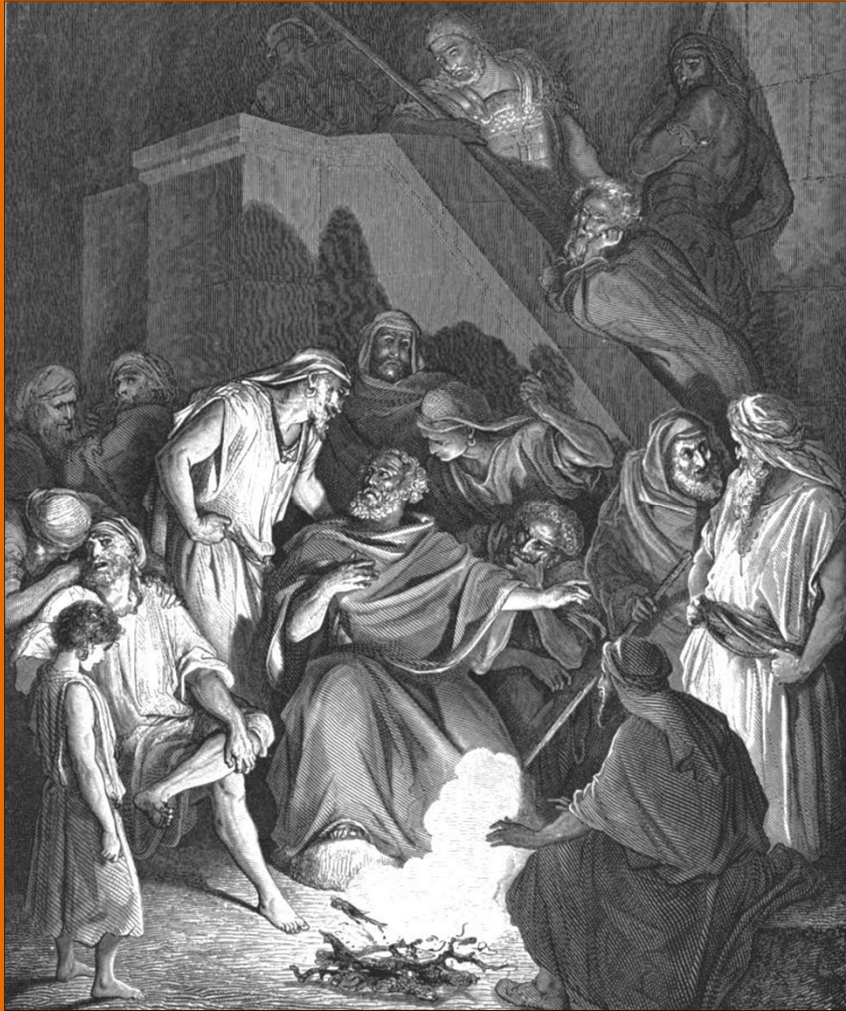
David

- Makes a major decision against God's ways in the desires of the flesh
2 Samuel 11:1-4; 1-14
- Death of child
- Sword always in family





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Peter

- Makes a major decision on his self-dependency contradicting Jesus
Luke 22:33, 54-61
- Ashamed

Sources Which Build our Understanding

The Way of the World System

- World View
Life Apart From God
“Make your own way”
- View of Life
Luck
“What will be will be”
- Promoted By
Amusement - Media

The Ways of God

- World View
Relational Life With God
“Walk with God”
- View of Life
Loving God
“I Am with you”
- Promoted By
Word of God – Mature Believers



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The Way



***In all your ways
acknowledge Him***

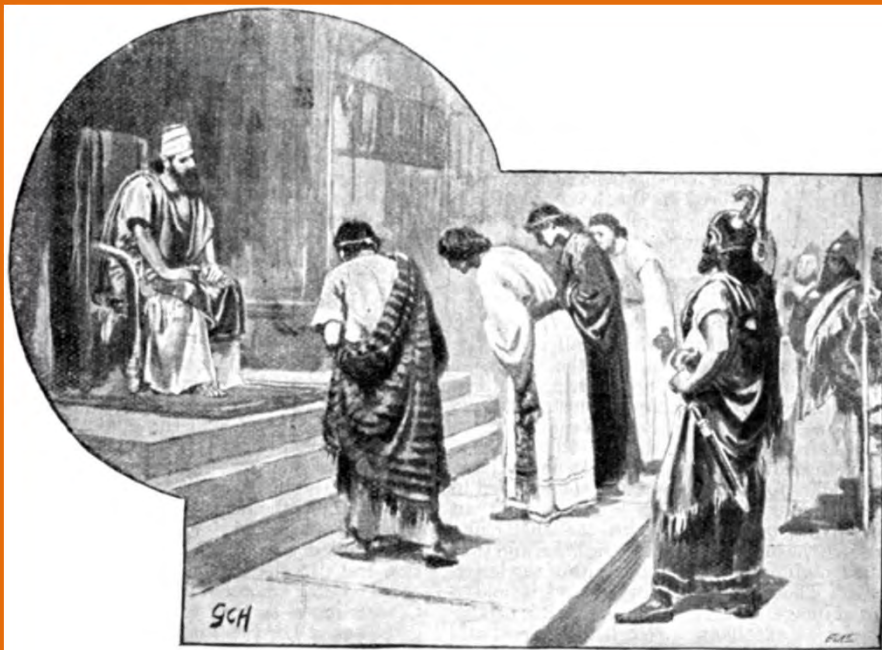
- **Way – DEREK**
Journey, road, conduct
- **Acknowledge – YADA**
To know, understand



Acknowledging Him

Daniel

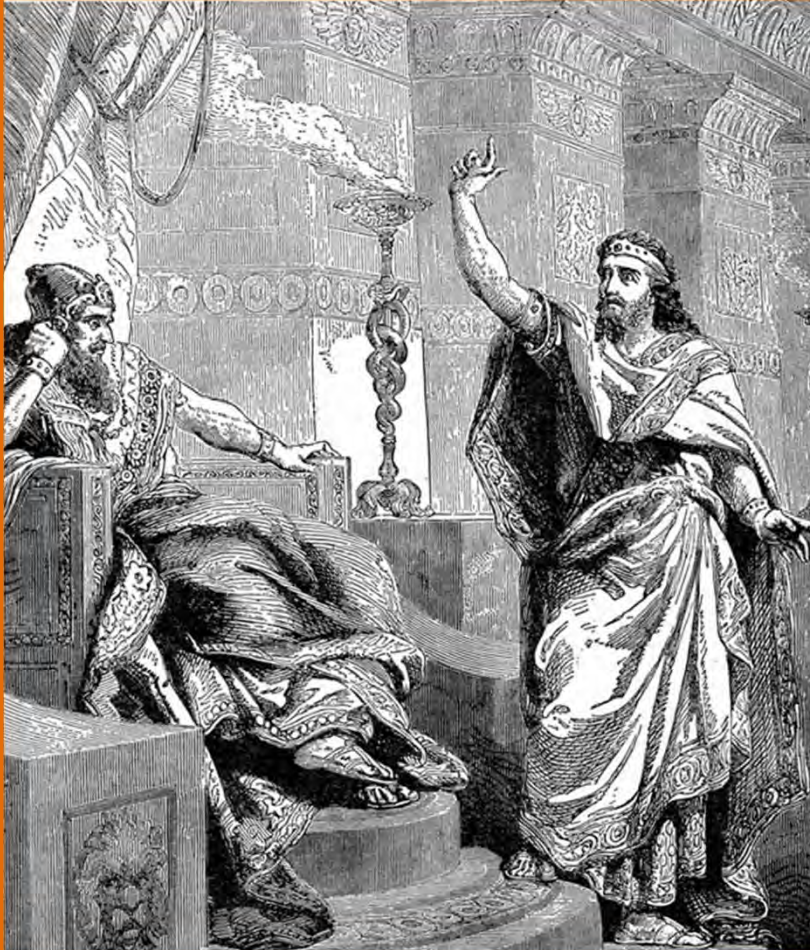
- Makes a major decision to walk in God's ways
Daniel 1:8



"The prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar." - Dan. i. 18.



Acknowledging Him



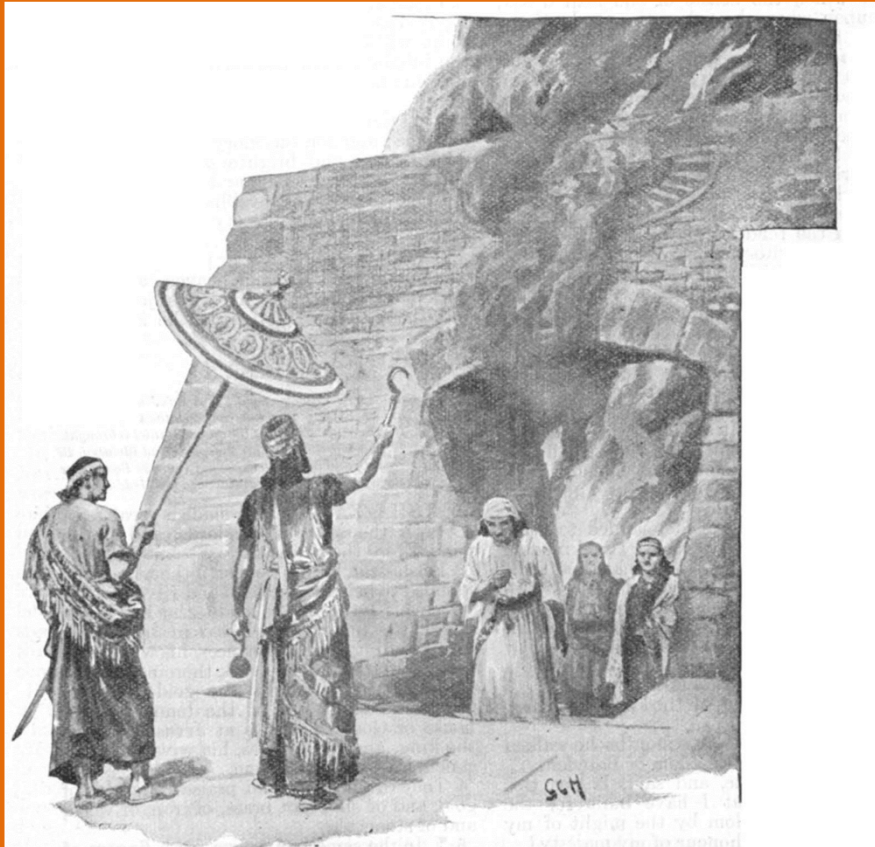
Daniel

- Seeks God for spiritual gifting

Daniel 2:17-19



Acknowledging Him



Daniel 's Friends

- Walk in the way of God
Daniel 3
- Consequences
Execution



Acknowledging Him

Daniel 's Friends

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Exaltation



The Promise



**And He shall direct
your paths**

- Paths – *ORACH*
Highway, course
- Direct – *YASHAR*
Make straight, pleasing or
good



The Promise

*And we know that all things work together
for good to those who love God, to those
who are the called according to His purpose.
For whom He foreknew, He also predestined
to be conformed to the image of His Son*

Romans 8:28-29



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