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Isn't That Convenient

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In today's fast-paced world, convenience has become a significant aspect of our daily lives. The definition of convenience often involves little trouble or effort, and we tend to favor it because it allows us to avoid going out of our way and makes it easier to be lazy. However, convenience is not always beneficial.

While convenience can make our lives easier, it can also lead to negative consequences. For instance, it can cause us to overspend. Imagine needing something that costs \$10, but you end up spending \$50 to get free shipping, thinking you saved \$4.99 in shipping fees. Additionally, convenience can lead to loneliness. With apps that allow us to order food and complete transactions without speaking to anyone, our electronic devices have made things easier but at what cost?

There was a time in the history of Israel when convenience became a significant problem. Solomon's sins, as mentioned in 1 Kings 11:29-33, led to the division of the kingdom into Israel and Judah. Jeroboam took ten tribes to the North and, in an attempt to make worship easier for his subjects, he built and fortified a new capital city, Shechem, in the tribal area of Ephraim. He was more concerned about maintaining his power than the well-being of his subjects, fearing they would return to the house of David if they went to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices.

Jeroboam's solution was to make worship easy for his subjects by setting up two golden calves, with one in Bethel and one in Dan. This act was reminiscent of the golden calf incident in Exodus 32. The people, preferring the convenience, accepted this new form of worship. However, this was not the worship the Lord desired. It was in the wrong place, in the wrong manner, with the wrong priests, and directed towards the wrong subject.

Choosing convenience over what God wants can lead to dire consequences. Jeroboam's actions led to punishment in the days of Josiah, as prophesied in 1 Kings 13:1-2 and fulfilled in 2 Kings 23:15-16. Amos was sent to Israel with a message that they would be led away captive, as mentioned in Amos 7:10-13. If we choose convenience over God's commands, our worship becomes vain and useless.

God desires what He wants, and it might not always be convenient for us. It may not be a convenient time or place, and there may be other things we would rather be doing. However, convenience does not please the Lord. Continues on page 2.

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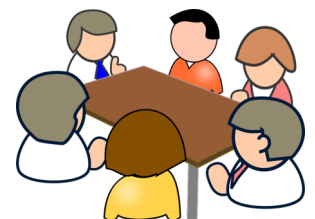
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Holiday Luncheon
December 14, 12:00 PM



Men's Business
Meeting

December 14, 2:00 PM



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- Consistent Character- Daniel 6:1-5, 1 Peter 2:12,3:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
- Determined Devotion- Daniel 1:8, 6:10, Acts 5:29, Luke 9:24
- Tremendous Trust- Daniel 6:16-23, Psalm 20:7, 2 Timothy 4:18, 1 Peter 4:19

Isn't That Convenient

Our heart and desire must be for Him, and we should want to do what pleases the Lord, even if it requires effort. Choosing convenience over God's commands can lead to consequences we do not want to face. Instead, we should desire to be with Him in eternity.

- Dale J. Babinsky preaches for the Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ in Pigeon Forge, TN. Article obtained from bulletingold.com

Daniel 6:1-5

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Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 114 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (Vs. 1)

Song: 55 Beyond This Land of Parting

Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Vs. 1, 3, 5)

Lord’s Supper and Contribution

Song: 332 In the Desert of Sorrow and Sin

Scripture Reading: Daniel 6:1-5

Sermon

Song: 255 I Am Resolved (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 572 Send the Light (Vs. 1,4)

Prayer

Daniel 6:1-5 (NKJV)

- 1 It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps over the kingdom, that they would be in charge of the whole kingdom,
- 2 and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss.
- 3 Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.
- 4 Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.
- 5 Then these men said, "We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard to the law of his God."

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23