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Speaker-AM: Tyler Glidden

Title: Daniel

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Speaker-PM: Kraig Benney

Title: Be Angry and Sin Not

Recording:



THE KING WAS OVERJOYED AND GAVE
ORDERS TO LIFT DANIEL OUT OF THE DEN,
AND WHEN DANIEL WAS LIFTED OUT OF THE
DEN, NO WOUNDS WHATSOEVER WERE
FOUND ON HIM, BECAUSE HE HAD TRUSTED
IN HIS GOD.

- DANIEL 6:23

Be angry, and do not sin.
Meditate within your heart on your bed,
and be still. Selah.
Psalm 4:4

He Who Is Least Is Great 9/17/2026 by Edwin Crozier

The disciples repeatedly struggled with the very problem I have. In [Luke 9:46](#), *“An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest”* (ESV). And that’s the problem. I want to be great. At least, I want you to think I’m great. Of course, you don’t have to think I’m great all by myself, but greater than the next guy.

How easy it is to get into the competition with other Christians. How easy it is to be unsatisfied with hearing, *“Well done, my good and faithful servant,”* and long to hear, *“Great job, my best and most faithful servant.”* We long for greatness. In Christ’s kingdom, however, things are upside down. Jesus doesn’t measure greatness as the world does. In His kingdom, the least are the greatest. The servants are the leaders. The slaves are the masters. The last are first.

We don’t climb the ladder to kingdom success. We don’t ascend the ranks to become the top dog. Instead, we descend. We humble ourselves before not only the King, but before His other servants. We wash feet and do dishes. We stack chairs and clean gutters. We visit the sick and do laundry. We interrupt our busy, important schedules to serve others with no thought of receiving anything in return. Children, in Jesus’s day, were not idolized as they are today. They were a drain. Until they could contribute, they were considered among the least. When Jesus said, *“Whoever receives this child in my name receives me,”* the point was in contrast to an unstated alternative. When a king, governor, or rich man knocked on your door and wanted to be your guest, and you received him, his honor rubbed off on you, your home, and your family. But a child?

Receiving a child would do nothing for you. A child could be little more than a beggar. But when we humbly receive the little child who can do nothing for us, we are actually receiving the King of heaven. And when we receive Him, we are also receiving His Father. And when we humbly receive the child, the honor of God Himself rubs off on us, our home, our family. Those who are least are great. Let us receive and welcome them. More than that, let us be satisfied being them.

A Short Time, 9/25/2025 By Sam Bunyard

“Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having a great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time” (Rev. 12:10-12)

We are engaged in spiritual warfare – and we know that Christ has already won! The only question that remains is whether we will place our allegiance with Him, or with “the dragon, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world” (Rev. 12:9). Those who are allied with Christ overcome evil in three ways: 1) By the blood of the Lamb. There can be no victory apart from participation in Christ’s sacrifice, having been washed by His blood (Rev. 1:5). 2) By the word of their testimony. This includes both faithfulness to Christ in speech and in action. Christians must not be passive, but active in our confession of our Lord, even in the face of persecution (Rev. 3:8). 3) They did not love their lives to the death. For those who participate in Christ’s victory over Hades and Death (Rev. 1:18), nothing in Satan’s power can withstand us (Rev. 2:10-11)!

Even though the war is over, many battles remain to be fought! Satan is a sore loser and seeks to destroy the faith of as many disciples as he can! He has great wrath, and a short time (Rev. 12:12). Our time is also short, and we have work to do (Jn. 9:4; Jas. 4:13-17). Jesus assured John, *“I am coming quickly!”* *“Even so, come, Lord Jesus”* (Rev. 22:20).