

Provisions for the Worn Out: Part 4

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Discussion Question: What scheme has satan used lately to cause you some misgivings about God, HIS nature and character?

Daniel 7:25 *“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High...”* [KJV]

The enemy of our soul desires to wear us out.

1. Questions
2. Quaking (Fear)
3. Quarreling

TODAY: With Qualms

A qualm is a feeling of doubt or misgiving; an uneasy feeling of worry or fear especially about one's own conduct or decisions. It is a sudden feeling of apprehensive uneasiness; an uneasiness about the fitness of an action.

What are some Qualms (misgivings, doubts) in America today?

- Value of University Degree
- Truthfulness of Science – public has been misled so much that sadly we are losing trust in Science.
- Media: Bad ethics; data fabrication & falsification

Living in a society where we are confronted with manipulation, fabrication and falsifications can create an atmosphere where we have misgivings about everything. Satan's scheme is to get us full of qualms with God. If he can get us to have qualms about all that is going on around us, then he has laid a trap for us ultimately to have misgivings about God. After all, **isn't God supposed to be in control?**

In the next several weeks I want to show you how the Bible tells us to deal with misgivings.

- First, we will look at an Old Testament character's personality.
- Then we will look at Jesus pattern.
- Then search the scriptures for the provision.

Daniel 5:9-12 *“Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished. 10 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: 11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the*

king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; 12 Forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.” [KJV]

It seems when we get to Belshazzar, Daniel is no longer honored. But one thing has not changed, his character, personality! He still has an **excellent spirit**! It speaks of the spirit that excelled in him.

This excellent spirit produced:

A. Man of Purpose

Dan 1:8 *“But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank:” [KJV]*

Daniel is not dominated by the physical but by the Spirit.

B. Man of Prayer

Dan 2:18 *“That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret;”*

Dan 6:10 *“...he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”*

Prayer keeps doubts at bay!

C. Man of Perception

When the Queen describes him she said he brought "**light and understanding and wisdom**" into every situation and was able to explain mysteries, solve riddles, and unravel hard problem.

Purpose & Prayer produce Perception and they remove doubts!

D. Man of Power

Verse 12 *“...**dissolving of doubts**...”*

Look at this out of The Living Bible

“Call for this man, Daniel... He can interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve knotty problems. He will tell you what the writing means.” [TLB]

The Hebrew meaning for dissolving of doubts means the **untangling of knots**.

Doubts, misgivings, qualms are a scheme of satan to wear us out. The knots of doubt, knots of misgivings, knots of feeling uneasy.

Remember the first doubt brought about the fall of man; the scheme of satan is to get you to doubt so you will fall. We can't keep the doubts from coming but we can unravel the knots!

How? By the Power of the Holy Spirit!

POWER to UNTANGLE DOUBTS