I. The Setting of Daniel: Decline and Destruction were the results of unkept resolutions.

 A. Text: Deuteronomy 4-6

II. The Theology of Daniel: Sanctification.

 A. A Covenant people, justified (Leviticus 16—justified by the blood of atonement,

 are called bring purpose/resolve to their intentions.

 1. Daniel and his friends epitomize Sanctification.

III. The Application of Daniel’s story is timeless.

 A. The Kingdoms of the World and the Kingdom of God conflict then and now.

 B. In Jesus’ words, we are to be “in the world, but not of the world.” John 17:16

 C. God’s people need to resolve to keep the truth before them of who the prince of

 this world is. John 12:31

 D. Before resolves regarding behavior are in place, our identity needs to be resolved.

 1. “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there,

 the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 3:20

 E. Before resolves regarding behavior are in place, our desires need to be resolved.

 1. Consider Philippians 3 and its value to resolve, solve identity crisis.

 a. Believers today do not have diet restrictions.

 (1) Colossians 2:8-17

IV. In summary, “Daniel resolved (KJV-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..”

 A. Knowing as New Testament believers that, “The kingdom of God is not a matter

 of eating and drinking; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

 Romans 14:17

 B. The resolutions that really resolve the conflict are more likely Colossians 3 and

 Romans 14 and 15.

 C. Consider strongly, what are our intentions, our affirmations, our determinations,

 yes, our resolutions this year?

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I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what You hear: May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear!