

**DANIEL - Part X**  
"The BIG Test"  
Reference: **Daniel 3:8-18**  
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**verses eight** through **twelve** (see screen)

Accusations against Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego:

- The **first accusation** toward them was \_\_\_\_\_.  
**verse twelve** (see screen)
- The **second accusation** toward them was \_\_\_\_\_.  
**verse twelve** continued (see screen)  
This second charge was **civil disobedience** and borderline **treason** and that charge was \_\_\_\_\_.

There are just three monotheistic religions: **Judaism**, Christianity and Islam.

From the beginning of Judaism the Jewish people have been monotheistic.

References: **Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Isaiah 43:10; Isaiah 44:6**  
(see screen)

**verses thirteen** through **eighteen** (see screen)

These three men faced a serious **ethical decision**.

**The first option** - submit to \_\_\_\_\_  
**command** and worship something other than God.

**The second option** - submit to \_\_\_\_\_ **command** and  
worship Him alone and in doing that refuse to worship  
Nebuchadnezzar's image.

This was a difficult situation. These men could have resorted to what we  
now understand as "\_\_\_\_\_."

**Definition: Situational ethics** teaches that the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ determines moral good and moral evil; the **situation** and  
**context** determine right and wrong.

Situational ethics is different from **ethical relativism**.

**Definition: Ethical relativism** teaches that moral good and moral evil is  
\_\_\_\_\_ to the norms of a particular people and culture; ethical  
relativism argues that **moral codes** are **subjective**.

**Joseph Francis Fletcher** was considered a pioneer in the field of **bioethics**. Although he was an ordained Episcopal priest, he was never a biblical Christian. He was a devout humanist and over time he identified as an atheist.

**Three statements** that illustrate Professor Joseph F. Fletcher's opinions:

- One - There is just one principle that has \_\_\_\_\_ **value**  
and that is **unconditional love**; therefore, a decision based on  
**unconditional love** is the right thing to do in all situations.
- Two - **Unconditional love** is \_\_\_\_\_ from rigid restrictions  
that determine our moral values.
- Three - In the end as long as **unconditional love** is our  
intention, the end \_\_\_\_\_ the means.

**Definition: Pragmatism** is the teaching that the rightness of an action  
is determined according to the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
that action.

**Two statements** to refute Fletcher and situational ethics:

ONE... \_\_\_\_\_ Himself (not man) **determines moral values**; meaning  
moral good and moral evil (i.e. right and wrong).

Reference: **Romans 3:4** (see screen)

TWO... Since **God determines moral values**, meaning moral good and  
moral evil (i.e. right and wrong), He cannot condone an ethical system  
(ethical relativism or situational ethics) that \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.

**Problem:** Situational ethics separates **divine** \_\_\_\_\_ from  
**divine** \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **I John 4:8** (see screen)