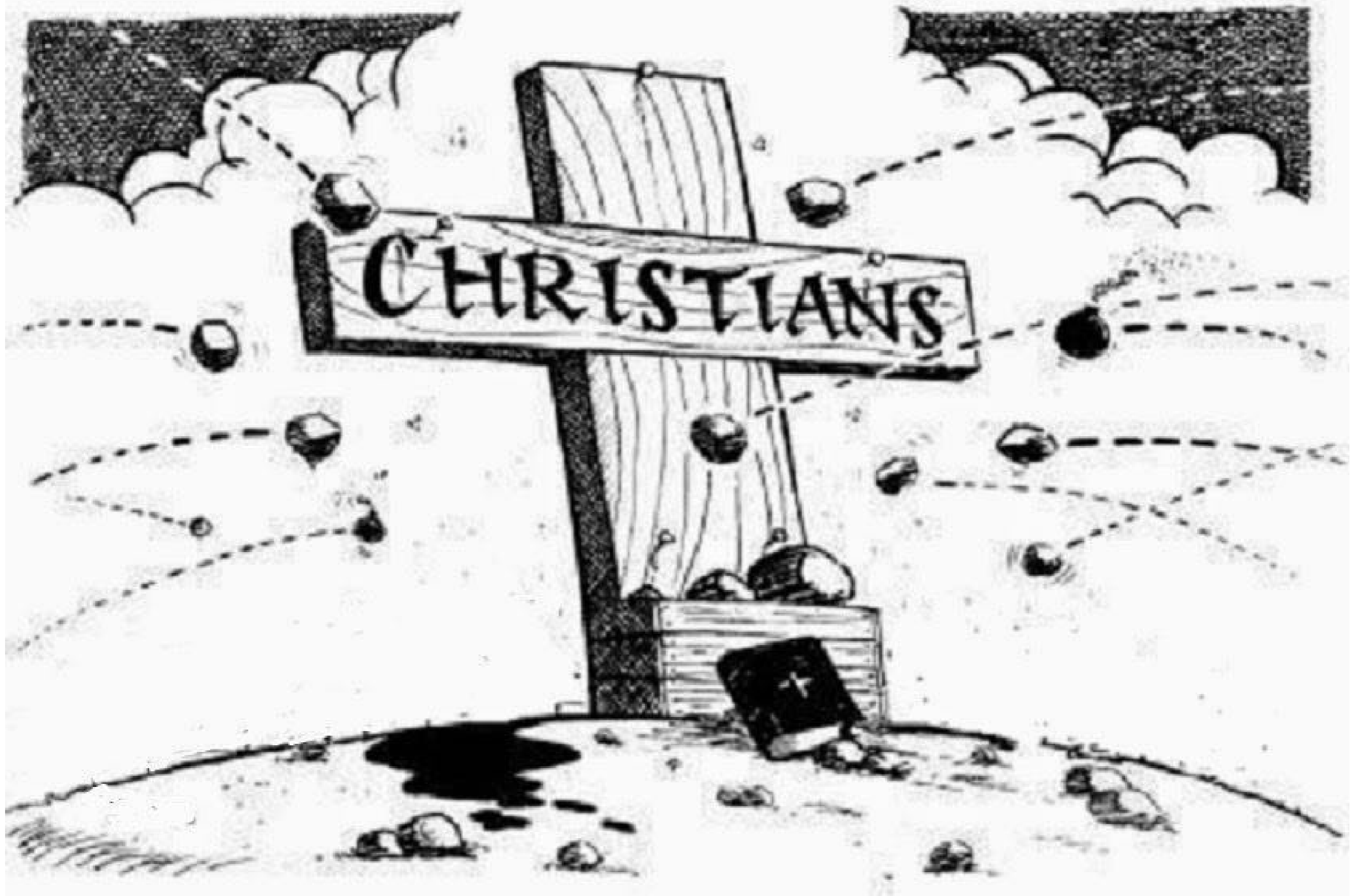


The Challenge of Cultural gods - Daniel 3





“If they refuse to render due service to the gods... let them not come to manhood, or marry wives, or have children, or indeed take any share in the affairs of life; but let them depart hence with all speed, and leave no posterity behind them, that such a race may become extinct from the face of the earth.”

-Celsus

1. We Will Be Confronted by Cultural Idols

- Unify the empire in the common worship of a particular god



2. We Will be Criticized for Our Values and Beliefs

- “What God will be able to rescue you from my hand?”
- Government is never above the rule of God



3. We Cannot Compromise our Faith - 3:16-18

- Expressing uncertainty in God
- It is difficult to be faithful when faith is weak
- Easy to rationalize wrong behaviour



4. We Can Have Confidence That God is With Us

- The source of the dream is the one true God
- Alternative religions claimed to offer access to the hidden mysteries of the universe - but they were frauds



Looking to Jesus

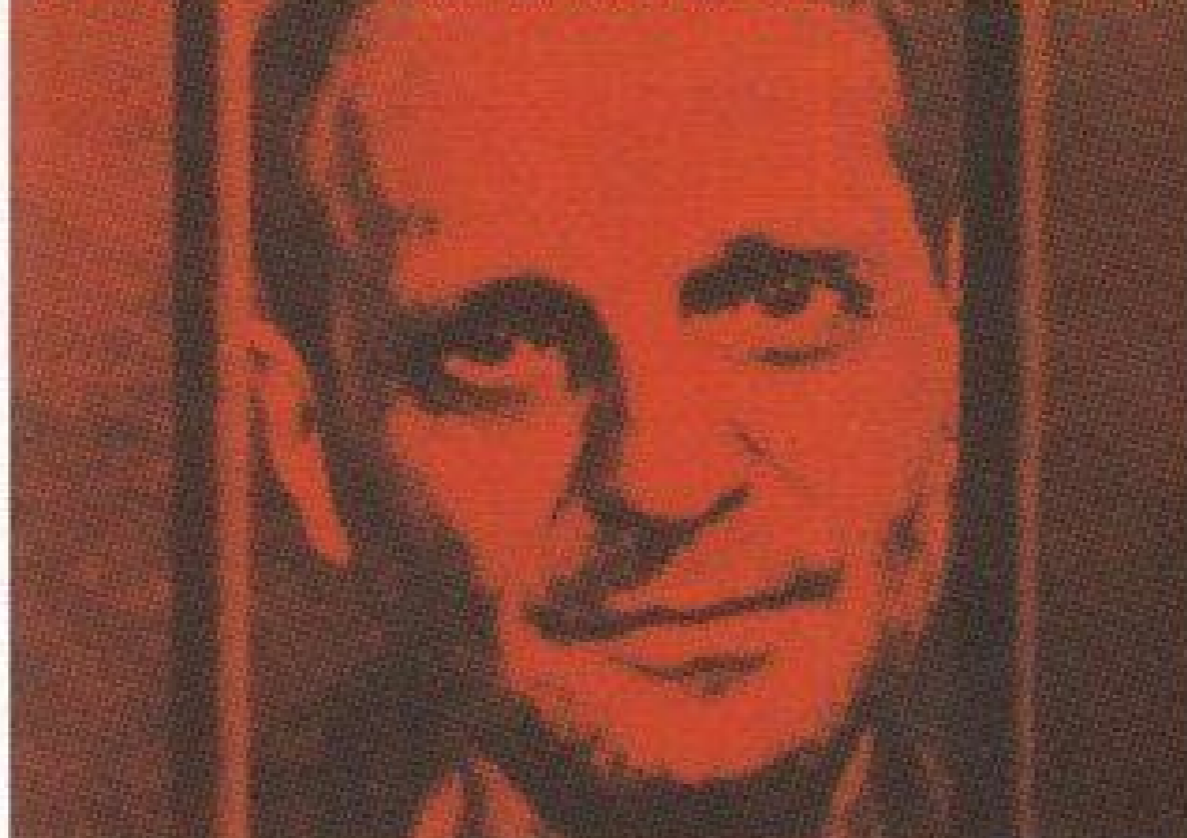
**when you go
through deep
waters, I will
be with you.**

ISAIAH 43:2

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“I, in my solitary cell . . . , sit with the angels as in a theater and watch everything that is happening, that has happened, and is yet to happen. . . . God is within us, in cell eleven, and twelve, and thirteen, and in the cell with the rats and in the cell reserved for tortures.”

–Richard Wurmbrand



5. We Can Only Make a Difference if We Are Different

- The king was impressed with their God
- We are called to be salt and light in the world - but can only do that if we are different

