

DANIEL

CHAPTER 6



SPOILER ALERT

Daniel still escapes unharmed

The Lions did not even get a nibble

The "Bad" Guys still get thrown to the lions





PRAYING LIFESTYLE

Daniel is a prayer guy

Before you can have a dynamic prayer life you have to decide, how important is a praying lifestyle?

Saying prayers is much different from a living a praying lifestyle



STAND UP!

(Daniel 6:1-5)



WHAT A TESTIMONY

Daniel got a promotion

Daniel got the job because

He distinguished himself among the administrators

No corruption in him.

He was trustworthy.

He was not negligent.

A GREED THING



WHAT A TESTIMONY

“We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

Daniel 6:5

Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:12



ATTACKING DANIEL

(Daniel 6:6-9)



ATTACKING DANIEL

How they chose to attack Daniel is almost as impressive as their statement

They did not go after his worship

They did not go after his philosophy

They went after his core

They chose the one piece of Daniel's relationship they knew he would never surrender



THE WORLD KNEW

Just how important Daniel's
praying lifestyle was to him

Is a praying lifestyle that important to

ME?



SILENCED PRAYER

Make no mistake prayer has become silent not because of a law passed but an attitude taken.

The law comes nowhere close to the church's ability to gather and pray, but we struggle

The law says nothing about teaching and demonstrating to our kids the importance of prayer

The law has no limiting effect on how often we gather to pray nor what we pray for

**Pray
and
DIE!**



STANDING UP BY KNEELING DOWN

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

Daniel 6:10-11



STANDING UP BY KNEELING DOWN

Upon hearing the news Daniel's first response was I think I need to go pray

No demonstrations

No petitions

No protests

No voting

No discussion

JUST PRAYER



PRAYING LIFESTYLE

At this point in his life Daniel had significant political power, he could have chosen to use it to have the law changed

Under Medo-Persian law a law could not be repealed to remove conviction under that law

However, as we will see verse v. 25-28 there was probably a legal strategy he could take.



PRAYING LIFESTYLE

We also forget Daniel seemed to have a personal relationship with the king

When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

v. 14

Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

v. 18



SHOWBOATING?

Pray but why with the window and curtain open?

Daniel refused to let anything get between him and his praying lifestyle.

“Dare to be a Daniel” is not surviving the lion's den, it is developing a praying lifestyle



STANDING BEFORE THE WORLD

He gets caught and now the law is in effect

The king realizes it is out of his hand

He gives the order to have Daniel thrown to the lions

AN EERIE PICTURE (v. 18)

A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed.



**They thought there
Daniel problem was done!**

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING

At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "May the king live forever!"

(v. 19-21)



A STAND THAT CHANGED THE WORLD!

Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: “May you prosper greatly! “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. **“For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”** So, Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

Daniel 6:25-28





Is THIS
Our Place
To Take a
STAND?