

SECOND DAY: Read Daniel 6:1-9

1. Today we begin our study of Daniel's remarkable experience by looking at the circumstances surrounding this event in Daniel 6:1-5. Describe this from:
 - a. verses 1-3

 - b. verses 4,5

 - c. What do you observe about Daniel and his character from these verses?

2. Notice that throughout Chapter Six the word *then* is frequently used as the first word of a verse or sentence. Certainly this word builds the anticipation in this true account. *Then* what did the *presidents and princes* ask the king to do according to Daniel 6:6-8?
 - a. How did king Darius respond to their manipulative plot? Answer from verse 9.

3. Complete today's lesson by focusing on Daniel's example from Daniel 6:4b NKJV: *but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.* Selah. What Christ-like attributes would you like your peers or co-workers to see in you?

Personal: If you were being watched, like Daniel, would there be any changes you would want to make in your conversation, conduct or character?

*If you were arrested for being a Christian,
would there be enough evidence to convict you?
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THIRD DAY: Read Daniel 6:10-15

1. The following irreversible law was signed by the king: *for the next thirty days anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human – except to your Majesty – will be thrown to the lions* (Daniel 6:7b NLT). Read Daniel 6:10 and consider Daniel's actions even though he *knew* that this intimidating *writing was signed*. Ponder what Daniel did as you print verse 10 phrase by phrase.

a. How does the realization that *Daniel prayed and gave thanks* in this life-threatening situation minister to you?

Optional: Compare Daniel 6:10 with II Chronicles 6:34,37,38 and Psalm 55:17. How does this further your understanding of Daniel's actions?

2. Prayer was more than a habit for Daniel. His life was built on regular communication with God. Share how his example speaks to you about your:

a. prayer life

b. consecration and commitment to the Lord

3. The trap was set for Daniel by his jealous enemies. Observe the chain of events by reading Daniel 6:11-15. In verse 12 the phrase *came near* means they came with *haste and tumult*. Describe what happened from the following verses:

a. verse 11

b. verse 12,13

c. verse 14 - Note the king's twofold reaction.

d. verse 15

4. Use one word to describe Daniel's situation at this point.

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
Philippians 4:6 NKJV*

FOURTH DAY: Read Daniel 6:16-23

1. Daniel 6:16-23 contains one of the most marvelous miracles of God's deliverance found in the Old Testament. Today's study will fortify our faith as we focus on what began as a tragedy but ended in triumph. Choose and record key phrases from the following verses to emphasize Daniel's experience from tragedy to triumph:

a. verses 16,17

(1.) Notice what the king *said unto Daniel* in verse 16b. What does this imply?

b. verses 18-20

c. verses 21,22

(1.) Most of us haven't experienced the Lord's deliverance as dramatically as Daniel did in verse 22. Yet, perhaps you have known the presence of the Lord or experienced His deliverance in a special way. Write a brief testimony of this.

d. verse 23

Advanced Students: Pastor Chuck says: *Daniel is a type of Christ*. Note the similarities between the testimony of Daniel and the passion of Christ.

2. Consider the following phrase: *no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God* (Daniel 6:23c NKJV). Daniel's faith in God did not fail even in this perilous trial. How does Hebrews 11:33 support this?

3. With today's study in mind record a way the following verses expand or fortify your faith:

a. Jeremiah 32:27

b. Romans 4:(19,20)21

c. Ephesians 3:20

d. Add your favorite faith-building verse, if you desire.

FIFTH DAY: Read Daniel 6:24-28

1. The powerful conclusion to this event is recorded in Daniel 6:24-28. According to Daniel 6:24 what happened to Daniel's adversaries?
 - a. God will judge the enemies of His servants. What warning is recorded in Psalm 7:14-16?

2. Read Daniel 6:25-27. Let the words of king Darius' decree flood your heart and mind as you print his powerful declarations about *the God of Daniel* from the following verses:
 - a. verse 26b

 - b. verse 27
 - (1.) How do these truths inspire you?

 - (2.) Which truth about God ministers to you the most today? Share why.

3. Chapter Six ends with a noteworthy statement about Daniel. What do you learn about him from verse 28?

*He is able to deliver thee, He is able to deliver thee.
Tho' by sin oppressed, go to Him for rest.
Our God is able to deliver thee.
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SIXTH DAY: Review Daniel 6:1-28

1. In response to your study this week record at least one way Daniel 6:1-28 has:
 - a. blessed you

 - b. benefited you

2. Write a specific way your lesson has fortified your faith in the Lord.

3. With Daniel 6 in mind think about this statement: *Daniel was willing to die for his conviction rather than live with compromise.* What message is there in this for believers today?

4. How will Daniel's example influence your prayer life?

*The earnest prayer of a righteous person
has great power
and wonderful results.
James 5:16b NLT*