



Trust in a Den of Despair

Daniel 6

The Book of Daniel So far....

Daniel 1 – I Won't Compromise A Little

Daniel 2 – God is in Control of the Future

Daniel 3 – I Stand on God's Word

Daniel 4 – Learning the Truth About the Most
High God

Daniel 5 – Walk Humbly Before God

Part 1: Dan 6:1-5 – The Setting

Vs 1 – Darius the Mede is real!

Vs 1-2 – Daniel appointed to leadership.

Vs 3 – “an excellent spirit was in (Daniel)”

Vs 4 – Others were jealous but Daniel was faultless.

We are likewise to live as blameless before the world (Acts 24:16; 1 Cor 10:32, Philippians 2:15, 1 Thess 2:10; James 1:27, etc.)

Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

(Philippians 2:14-15)

Part 2: Dan 6:6-15 – The Trap

Vs 6 – High officials and satraps joined
together against Daniel.

Vs 10 – “When Daniel knew....he prayed.”

- “windows opened towards Jerusalem (see 1 Kings 8:46-52).

- “...gave thanks before his God, as he had done so previously.” (see Phil 4:6).

Vs 11 – “Making petition and plea before
his God.”

Vs 13 – Daniel is accused as a foreigner.

Vs 14 – Irony of the king not being able to save Daniel. Only God can.

Part 3: Dan 6:16-18 – The Den

Vs 16 – King tells Daniel that he hopes his God, whom he serves continually,
will deliver him.

Vs 17 – Stone laid across the den and sealed. Daniel was assumed to be as good as dead.

Part 4: Dan 6:19-24 – The Deliverance

Vs 19 – At break of day, king rushes to see if Daniel survived.

Vs 22 – “My God sent his angel and shut lions' mouth.”

Vs 23 – Daniel was not harmed “because he trusted in his God.”

Conclusion - Daniel 6:26-27:

"I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

Take-aways

- 1) Develop Holy Habits for the day of trouble.
- 2) Make Prayer your first response to every trial and trouble.
- 3) Trust God even when things go south!