

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN
(Daniel 6)

Hebrews 11:32-34

I. Daniel Under Darius the Mede (6:1-28)

A. The Prominence of Daniel (6:1-3)

1. A chain of command was established that there could be _____ & effective _____ over this vast kingdom & that the king would not suffer _____ loss of any kind!
2. Darius noted that Daniel _____ himself above all the others, because an excellent _____ was in him.
 - What does “*excellent spirit*” mean?

3. All of this had caught the eye of Darius & he planned to _____ Daniel over the whole kingdom.
4. This move _____ the other governors & ambitious men in the kingdom.

B. The Plot Against Daniel (6:4-9)

1. Satan used _____ & _____ to spawn a wicked plot to _____ Daniel.
2. These wicked plotters stated, that _____ the wise men in the kingdom propose that you sign into law, a royal decree, that no one may _____ to any god but you for 30 days.
3. When Daniel learned the decree had been signed into law, he _____ that this whole thing was directed toward him, to _____ him as a rival in the kingdom.

C. The Prayer Life of Daniel (6:10)

1. In light of the situation, Daniel _____ to God concerning these issues, as he had always done.
2. What can we learn about Daniel's prayer life from this verse?

D. The Penalty Daniel Faced (6:11-17)

1. After catching Daniel praying, the accusers went before King Darius & _____ him of the law & the _____ that all violators must face.
2. They then accused Daniel of _____ the new law.
3. When the king heard the accusations, he was first of all -- _____ with himself!

4. Secondly, King Darius sought earnestly a way to _____ Daniel from their evil hands.
5. The king reluctantly gave the command to _____ Daniel into the lion's den.
6. Although King Darius _____ for the best concerning Daniel, he no doubt _____ the worst!
7. A great stone was set upon the entrance to the den, and it was _____ so that no one could _____ the sentence that Daniel had to endure.

E. The Provision of Daniel's God (6:18-23)

1. While Daniel was in the lions den _____, King Darius was in his palace _____ & _____ under the conviction of what he had done. He did not eat, relax, or sleep all night!
2. When Darius came to the lion's den he cried out saying, "Daniel servant of the living God... has your God been able to _____ you?"
3. "My God has sent His _____ & has _____ the lion's mouths & I am _____ hurt!"
4. This news delighted the king and when he saw that no _____ had come upon him, King Darius realized it was because Daniel had totally _____ God for the outcome.

F. The Proclamation of King Darius (6:24-27)

1. King Darius' first proclamation was to _____ those who deceived him & plotted Daniel's _____.
 2. King Darius' second proclamation had to do with _____ of the living God.
- What can we observe from these verses?

G. The Prosperity of Daniel (6:28)

- What can we learn from Daniel 6?