



Daniel In The Lion's Den

Daniel 6

Chronology

- Daniel 1:1-2 – 606-605 BC
- Daniel 6:1 – 538 BC
 - Daniel: at least early 80s

The character of Daniel's enemies

1. Dishonesty, 3-4

- 'Daniel is a better man'
- Daniel: filled with Scripture
 - Enemies: climb on bodies to reach top
 - 'I'm the greatest'

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- Gn.37
- 1 Sm.18:7
- Mt.27:18

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- 'All' (7) – a lie

- No weakness in Daniel

- Darius would bring Daniel down

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- They are their own worst enemies

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6. Slander, 24
 - Aram.: 'had eaten the pieces of'
 - **Back-biting**

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2. Faithful, 4 (1 Co.4:2)

- High positions: severe trials
 - 'Lightning strikes the tallest trees' –English proverb
 - They knew when he would pray

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- Beyond reproach

- Blameless. 1 Pt.2:11-12; 1 T.3:2

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3. Faultless, 4
4. Unwavering obedience, 5
 - Knew Daniel would not compromise – no matter what

Am I so devoted to God that my faith is my only 'liability'?

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- Many good men's exemplary lives are often undone by bitterness

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 - Life or death: thank God?
 - Mt.5:16; Ph.2:14-15
 - Resisted temptation to lie...

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7. Reliance on God, 22
 - Like Abraham
 - Willing to die for prayer

Daniel and prayer

- 1 K.8:38, 44, 48
- Ps.55:16-17

Three 'Rs' –

1. Chapter 1: Resistance. (1:8)
2. Chapter 2: Revelation. (2:28)
3. Chapter 6: Reliance. (6:22)

Daniel and Reliance

- Rely; reliable; reliance; religion
- Lat.: re (again) + ligare (bind)
 - To bind again, thus bind strongly
 - Rely on someone: **bound** to him by trust or confidence
 - Religion: **bond** between God & man

Daniel determined to do all he could
(duty) and trust God with the rest
(cf. 3:16-18; Ac.4:9, 19-20)

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 - 'Lions were not hungry'? [6:24]

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9. Endurance, 28

Conclusion

1. Daniel did not commit God to keep him out of lion's den, or preserving him safe in it. (Cf. Dn.3)
 - His goal: die faithfully
2. Daniel could not turn off his light for thirty days . . . Or even for one day . . . Or even for part of one day.
3. If you were arrested for following Jesus, would there be enough evidence to convict you?