

DANIEL AND THE LIONS

STORY SO FAR

- captured by Babylonians
- Daniel and friends work for Kings Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar
- Babylon taken over by Persia



DANIEL CHAPTER 6

"Then this Daniel became **distinguished** above all the other high officials and satraps, because an **excellent spirit** was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom."

Daniel 6:3

"We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in **connection** with the law of his **God**."

Daniel 6:5

"**All** the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors are **agreed** that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document, ***so that it cannot be changed***, according to the law of the **Medes** and the **Persians**, which ***cannot be revoked***."

Daniel 6:7-8

"When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, ***as he had done previously***."

Daniel 6:10

"Then the king, when he heard these words, was much ***distressed*** and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he laboured till the sun went down to rescue him."

Daniel 6:14

"The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, ***whom you serve continually***, deliver you."

Daniel 6:16

"Then the king went to his palace and spent the night ***fasting***; no diversions were brought to him, and ***sleep fled from him***."

Daniel 6:18

“O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

“O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions 'mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

Daniel 6:21

Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth:

“Peace be multiplied to you. 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

Daniel 6:25-27

DISCIPLINED

"All athletes are ***disciplined*** in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with ***purpose*** in ***every step***. I am not just shadowboxing.

I discipline my body like an athlete, ***training*** it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified."

1 Corinthians 9:25-27 (NLT)

"Every battle is won ***before*** it is ever fought."

Sun Tzu (孫子)

"***Work willingly*** at ***whatever*** you do, as though you were working ***for the Lord*** rather than for people."

1 Corinthians 9:25-27 (NLT)

BEYOND REPROACH

"You therefore must be **perfect**, as your **heavenly father** is perfect."

Matthew 5:48

“For an overseer, as God's steward, must be ***above reproach***. He must not be arrogant or quick- tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but ***hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.*** He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to ***rebuke*** those who ***contradict*** it

Titus 1:7

NO COMPROMISES

DANIEL'S OPTIONS

A. obey

B. appeal

C. compromise (no petitions)

D. continue privately

E. continue normally

DANIEL **NEEDED** TO PRAY

WHAT DO I FEEL I **NEED**?

HOW **MUCH** DO WE FEEL
WE **NEED GOD**?

"And my God will supply ***every need*** of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

DARIUS WAS DEVASTATED

"Out of **100** men, one will read the Bible, the other **99** will read the **Christian**."

D.L.Moody

"In the same way, let your ***light shine before others***, so that they may ***see your good works*** and ***give glory to your Father*** who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

DANIEL WAS FAITHFUL

FREED FROM THE LAW