

“Here Kitty, Kitty!”

Daniel 6

- Q. What is interesting about Daniel's role found in verses 1 and 2, especially in light of the events of chapter 5?
- A.
1. Daniel was not _____ in the transfer of power (which often happened) but was selected as one of the top three overseers. God continued to show him favor.
 2. Daniel, a _____, was over the other satraps (governors) of the region.
- Q. As a reminder, what were the exceptional qualities that Daniel demonstrated? Cf. 5:11,12
- A.
1. He had the _____ of the gods in him.
 2. Insight, _____, and knowledge like the gods.
 3. Keen mind and _____.
 4. The ability to _____ dreams, riddles, and solve problems.
- Q. What other attributes did Daniel display? And how did the other administrators view him? (v. 3)
- A.
1. He distinguished himself by his _____ qualities.
 2. The king planned on _____ him over the whole kingdom.

Q. What does this say about vocational witnessing?

A. It says that no matter where God puts you to serve Him, do it with _____ of your ability and it will be a _____ to your world of God's favor.

Q. How did the satraps respond to Daniel's divine favor? (v. 4a)

A. They were _____ and tried to find ways of getting him in trouble.

Q. What stood in the way? (v. 4b)

A.

1. His _____.

2. His _____.

Q. What does verse 5 mean?

A. We can't get him on his character or his worth ethic, but we might be able to trip him up on some religious _____ that he has.

Q. What religious conviction would the world be able to use to trip you up?

A.

Q. Look at verses 6-9. What did the administrators do? And how in the world did the king ever agree to sign such a document?

Note: There was an action that _____ even the highest authority in the land – the king. And ironically, it was the king who set it in motion. It was the _____ of the Medes and the Persians. Which, in this case, should have been done with much thought and counsel, but was not. And it would come at a great _____ – like most hastily ratified laws tend to be.

A.

1. They appealed to the king's _____.
2. They appealed to the king's _____.

Note: It's a bit scary that they had a lion's den in the first place.

Q. What did Daniel do? (v. 10)

A. He didn't _____ a thing. He held to his _____ and to his _____ practice of praying to God.

Q. Would you make the temporary compromise to save your life?

A.

Note: Lapse Christians

Q. How did they know Daniel violated the law?

A.

1. They _____ him.
2. They _____ him praying.

Q. What visible signs of your worship would you be convicted of if following Christ was made illegal?

A.

Q. What did the jealous satraps do? (vv. 12-13)

A.

1. They reminded the king of the _____.
2. They reminded the king of the _____ of violating the decree.

3. They _____ Daniel.

Q. What was King Darius' view of Daniel? (v. 14)

A.

1. He realized that he had been _____.
2. He tried to _____ the hasty decision and _____ Daniel from death.

Q. What did the satraps do next? (v. 15)

A.

1. They _____ the success of the trap.
2. They made the king look like a _____.

Q. What happened to Daniel (v. 16a)

A.

¹⁶ "So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and _____ him into the lions' den." (Dan. 6:16 NIV)

Note: Daniel would have been in his _____ at this time. The fall itself could have _____ him.

Q. What is unique about the king's parting words? (v. 16b)

A.

Darius commented on the observable _____ of Daniel's life of service.

Q. What does an observable consistency look like in a believer's life?

A.

Q. What is the symbolism of verse 17?

A.

Daniel was a “_____” or picture of the coming Jesus.

1. A _____ was place over his place of death.
2. The stone was _____ so there would be evidence of tampering.
3. The situation seemed _____.

Q. What did the king do in response to the decree being carried out? (v. 18)

A.

1. He _____.
2. He was too anxious to _____.

Q. What did the king do at first light? (vv. 19-20)

A.

1. He _____ to the den.
2. He was visually, _____upset.
3. He asks if his God was _____.

Note: Cp. with 3:17.

Q. What is meant by Daniel's response in verse 21?

A. Honor and respect to the _____ over him.

Q. How did Daniel describe his deliverance? V. 22a

A. God divinely _____ by sending down an _____ being to control the beasts.

Q. What was brought out by Daniel? Did he not violate the law? V. 22b

A. Daniel was found innocent because:

1. He did not sin against God by _____ his faith and practice. Cp. Acts 5:29

2. He did not sin against the king but against the _____ law that was put into force for the purpose of his [Daniel's] _____.

Q. What is the connection to this action and the one in chapter 1:8 when he was a teenager (now that he is 80 years old)?

A. He _____...

Q. Daniel's focus was where? (v. 23)

A.

1. He was _____.

2. He _____ of the den.

Q. What does the text say was the source of Daniel's deliverance?

A. He _____ in his God.

Q. What does God do to those who go against his anointed servants? (v. 24)

A.

1. Daniel's _____ were killed.

2. Their _____ were killed.

Q. What do we do with passages such as Ezekiel 18:20?

A.

Q. What is the result of Daniel's deliverance? (vv. 25-28)

A.

1. He is to be _____ and _____.
2. He is the _____ and _____ god.
3. His _____ will last forever.
4. His _____ [rule] will never end.
5. He _____ and _____.
6. He performs _____ and _____ in heaven and on earth.
7. He rescued Daniel from the lion's den.
[visible _____ of his saving power]

Q. What extended knowledge of Daniel's life do we receive in v. 28.

A. Daniel _____ for the rest of his life.

Application questions:

Q. Why is it necessary to live a consistent, faithful, uncompromising life before our world?

A.

Q. Similar in nature, what do our enemies look for by way of accusation?

A.

Q. Why is it necessary to understand that being a follower of the one true God does not necessarily mean that you will not have trouble or suffer persecution?

A.

Q. Do you think the average follower of Christ would be able to eloquently describe God as well as Darius? Why or why not?

A.