

Daniel Chapter 6

Historical Context - Daniel 5:31-6:1

- Darius the Mede may be referring to a man named Gubaru, who served as governor of Babylon under Cyrus the Great.
- Darius may also be a title and referring to Cyrus himself, king over the Medo-Persian Empire.

How to Be Exiles - Daniel 6:1-5

- One of the major themes of the New Testament is how Christians can live as _____ in this world.

John 18:36 (ESV) Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

- Daniel shows us three things we can do to live well as exiles in this world:
 1. Daniel works and lives with _____
 3. Daniel works and lives without compromising his _____
 5. Daniel works and lives with _____

The Plot Against Daniel - Daniel 6:5-13

- The plot against Daniel centers on his _____
 - Daniel's enemies are already aware of his faith _____ they plot against him
 - Daniel doesn't "take a stand" - he simply keeps doing what he has always been doing

1 Peter 3:15-17 (ESV) but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

"Christian character is not forged in the moment of adversity. Christian character is revealed in the moment of adversity." // Dr. Danny Akin

Unwavering Faith of Daniel - Daniel 6:14-18

- Matthew 11:1-6 (ESV)
- The word Jesus uses for "offended by me" is the Greek word *Skandalizo*; this also means to "make someone _____"
- Matthew 14:1-12 (ESV)
- Jesus' answer to John the Baptist references two passages from the prophet _____
 1. Isaiah 35:5-6 (ESV) *Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer,*
 2. Isaiah 61:1 (ESV) *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound*

Faith in God, Not Circumstances - Daniel 6:19-23

- Daniel _____ and _____ in God's power to deliver
- 1 Peter 3:12 (ESV) *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.*

- *Hebrews 11:32–38 (ESV) And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.*

Living for God’s Kingdom - Daniel 6:24-28

- *Acts 26:28–32 (ESV) And Agrippa said to Paul, “In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?” And Paul said, “Whether short or long, I would to God that not only you but also all who hear me this day might become such as I am—except for these chains.” Then the king rose, and the governor and Bernice and those who were sitting with them. And when they had withdrawn, they said to one another, “This man is doing nothing to deserve death or imprisonment.” And Agrippa said to Festus, “This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”*
 - Agrippa is the _____ of Judah
 - Festus is the _____ of Judea
- *Luke 9:57–58 (ESV) As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”*
 - Foxes were a symbol for the _____
 - Eagles were a symbol for the _____