

2017: Week 8

Sunday, February 19th 2017

"Faith Triumphant"

Hebrews 11:6

"⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" (NASB)¹.

On Sunday, John continued our sermon series through the Book of Daniel, this week guiding us through **Daniel 6**. In the passage we studied this week, we find Daniel in a rare predicament. A law had been made that stood directly in opposition to his faith. What was Daniel to do? Was He to obey the law of the land forbidding that prayers be made to anyone other than King Darius, or was He to continue walking by faith and praying to the one true God. Oh yea, one more thing– the consequences for breaking this law involved being thrown alive into a pit of hungry and ferocious lions. No big deal, right? ☺

1. "THE TEXT"

READ Daniel 6

- **Daniel 6:3** states that Daniel began "distinguishing himself" among his peers as the Lord's hand of blessing had fallen upon him. This blessing led to Daniel's contemporaries becoming jealous and frustrated with him. Why did Daniel's lifestyle bother those around him? (**6:4**)
- When the law was made forbidding prayers to anyone other than King Darius, what did Daniel do? (**6:10**) Why do you think he did this?
- When King Darius found Daniel alive in the lion's den the next morning, what did Daniel say? (**6:22**)
- **6:23** enlightens the reader to the reason that Daniel was spared in the lion's den: "because he had _____ in _____ God."

2. "YOU"

- If you were in Daniel's shoes and you had heard about the new "law of the land", what would you have done?
- How might your allegiance to the Lord bother those around? How should you interact with such people?
- When Daniel was delivered, He defended his innocence, but he gave credit for His deliverance to God (**6:22**). Do you give God the credit when he helps you during difficult situations?
- How can you improve at giving God the credit for the works He accomplishes in your life?
- The next time you find yourself in a spiritual crossroads, will you "trust in your God" like Daniel "had trusted in his God"? (**6:23**)

3. "REMEMBER"

- **1 John 5:4–5** "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world– our faith. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"
- **2 Timothy 3:12** "Indeed all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

FAMILY PRAYER: Dear God, I trust You. No matter what comes my way– good times or bad times– help me to walk with You and to depend upon You. You are my God, and through faith, I am Your child. Thank You! Amen.

¹ All Scripture notations taken from the **New American Standard Bible (NASB)** unless otherwise noted.