



The Stand Tour - Montgomery...San Antonio...Babylon

Daniel 6:1-9 (NIV)

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom,² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss.³ Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.⁴ At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.⁵ Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."⁶ So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: "May King Darius live forever!⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den.⁸ Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."⁹ So King Darius put the decree in writing.

I. When God raises you up, expect people to tear you down.

If you are not ready to face opposition for your obedience to God,
you are not ready to be used by God!

Most miss their "Stand" because they fall to friendly fire!

2. Kneeling to pray is what gives you the strength to stand.

Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

The Daniel Prayer Plan:

1. Prayer must be the first response, not last resort.
2. Prayer must be consistent in the calm to be a strong source of strength in the storm.
3. With prayer, character counts. (James 5:16)
4. Prayer is a powerful testimony tool.

3. Do the next right thing and leave the results to God.

Daniel 6:25-27 (NIV)

Then King Darius wrote to all the nations and peoples of every language in all the earth: "May you prosper greatly!²⁶ "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end."²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

"He is no fool to give what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

- Jim Elliot