

“LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH IN A HOSTILE ENVIROMENT”

DANIEL 6:1-23

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I. INTRODUCTION:

- a. Continuing our Journey through “The Bible That Jesus Read”
- b. We come today to Daniel in the Lion’s Den.

II. HIS CALLING (v.1-3)

- a. Daniel was one of only three administrators in the kingdom. He was up for a promotion. He had a very important position but if God has given you a job for Him your position is just as important as Daniels was.
- b. Difference between a Secular Job and Sacred Job. Every job is Sacred to the Believer.
 - i. *Colo 3:22 (KJS) Servants, obey in all things [your] masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 23 And whatsoever ye do, do [it] heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*

III. HIS CONVICTION (4-5)

- a. (v. 4-5) He was salt and light to a dark place.
- b. *Titu 2:7 (NIV) In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*
- c. *All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. 1 Cor 6:12 (NKJV)*

IV. HIS CONFRONTATION (6-9)

- a. You must expect adversity.
 - i. *2 Timothy 3:10-12 (NKJV) 10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra--what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

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V. HIS COURAGE (v. 10)

- a. *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak. Eph 6:13-20 (NKJV)*

VI. HIS CONSISTANCY (V.10,13)

- a. Be faithful in times of difficulty, and trial. Endured through tribulation. Was not easily deterred. He had his mind made up.
 - i. *Acts 5:28 (KJS) Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name?and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. 29 Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.*
 - ii. *1Cor 15:58 (KJS) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*
- b. **Example:** Horse that could stand fast.

VII. HIS CALMNESS (14-17)

- a. There is no record of anything complaint or argument that Daniel made in defense of himself. We are reminded of Jesus before Pilate, As a lamb is dumb before his shears so he opened not his

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mouth.

- b. Peace in the face of the storm.
- c. A resting upon the Power and Will of God
- d. Painting of Daniel that was in my Grandfather Gillis' Bible
 - i. Daniel surrounded by danger and death. His eyes are focused upward. Not on the danger that surrounds him but on the God he serves. His back is to his enemies and danger, His face is toward His God. His hands are folded behind him in serenity and peace. There is no angst or nervousness. The bones of the lions previous meal lay on the ground around him. But his eyes are not on them but on the Lord.

VIII. HIS CONFESSION (18-23)

- a. The Lord sent His angel and shut the mouth of the Lion.
- b. “He believed in His God”

IX. CONCLUSION:

- a. We have an example from the Word of God in Daniel how we should conduct ourselves in the midst of a wicked and perverse world. In the midst of enemies who wish us evil.
- b. As a result of Daniel’s obedience He enjoyed the Presence and Protection of the Lord in the Lion’s Den. But before the Glory of the Lion’s Den, there was the Persecution of his enemies and his faithful stand for the Lord.
- c. **DARE TO BE A DANIEL!!!**