

God's Design in the Hebrew Scriptures: Daniel Prayer & Thanksgiving: God's Safety Cable Through Crisis

- I. The Context of Crisis, Dan6.1-15
 - A. The Conspiracy Against Daniel, Dan6.1-9

 - B. The Consistency of Daniel, Dan6.10-15

1 Kings 8 notes praying toward Jerusalem was practiced by Solomon, recognizing this as the special place of God's testimony! David, Ps 55, notes praying three times a day as a practice he, and possibly those before him, followed.

 - Daniel is consistent, even in the face of critical danger!
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 - Daniel is consistent in placing the Lord in His proper place in his life!
 - Daniel is consistent in praising the Lord in even the hard places he finds himself!
 - Daniel is consistent in renewing his greatest resource, the Greatness of the Lord in his life!
 - Daniel is consistent in his focus.

- II. God's Safety Cable Through Crisis, Dan6.16-23

- III. Epilogue, Dan6.24-28
Ps31.19-24; Ps100.1-5; Ps103.1-5; Ps145.1-21; Eph1.3-14; Ps34.4-7

- ☩ The "posture" of the pray-er, and, we're not talking about body position. Daniel's "posture" is faithfulness, humility, integrity both personally and with others, diligence, consistency with the Lord and consistency with those around him.
- ☩ When the crisis came, and the crisis comes, Daniel never varied from his clear direction that the Lord was the center of his life.
- ☩ 1 Sam2 is a classic illustration of a key principle unfolding in Daniel's life. That principle is integrity before the Lord and the wonderful confidence it brings in the life of a believer.
- ☩ Those who oppose the Lord, whether now or later, will not triumph. Blessing comes to the one who makes the Lord his refuge!
- ☩ There is a testimony to others as even this king ends up giving praise to the God of heaven because of Daniel's godly life seen before them.
- ☩ What undergirds our prayer is not any mechanics of prayer, not the particular time of prayer, not just the frequency of prayer, it's the FAITH of prayer!