

Deliverance from the Power of the Lions

Daniel 6:10-28

Those in Christ, seeking to do right, need not worry about the scheming of evil people. Daniel faced such enemies. These enemies are deceived, allying themselves with the devil's tactics, not realizing that the lions they seek to use against the righteous will at last have mastery over them, while God's people will prosper (1 Pe. 3:10-16).

I. The Discipline of the Faithful (Da. 6:10-15)

A. Daniel's _____ with God

1. Daniel knew the _____ of walking with God.
2. Daniel had a _____ to talk to God (Matt. 6:6).
3. Daniel was _____ in his prayer life.
 - a. He prayed toward _____
 - 1) Not _____ performance—His window was not opened to show that he was praying.
 - 2) _____ perspective—He prayed toward Jerusalem because that is where the temple of the Lord was and will be (Zech. 8:22; Psa. 68:29; 2 Chron. 3:1).
 - 3) _____ purging—He prayed toward Jerusalem to request forgiveness for Israel's transgression and restoration as was promised (2 Chron. 6:36–39)
 - b. He _____ and prayed—to bless, to praise. (Psa. 16:7; 26:12).
 - c. He gave _____ to God — to offer praise (Heb. 13:15)
4. Daniel was _____ in prayer “...as he did *aforetime*.” (Psa. 43:1–5)

B. Daniel's Enemies Assembled (Da 6:12-13).

1. Their assembly was _____ (Ja. 3:17; Heb. 12:11).

2. Daniel _____ God rather than man (Acts 5:29).
- C. The King _____ his decision (Da. 6:14–15)
1. The king was sore displeased with himself—an abundance of _____ concerning his decision (Da. 6:14).
 2. The king _____ to deliver Daniel from his unchangeable decree (Da. 6:14).
 - a. He set his _____ on Daniel (Prov. 11:27; 12:2; Psa. 5:12; 1 Sa. 2:26).
“Because Daniel regarded God, the king ultimately set his heart on Daniel.”
 - b. He laboured until the going down of the sun (Psa. 60:11; Prov. 5:20–23).
“We all can choose how we live, but we cannot choose the consequences of our decisions”

II. The Deliverance of the Righteous (Da. 6:16-23)

- A. King Darius knew that only Daniel’s God could deliver him from the power of the lions (Da. 6:16-17).
“The Lord was King Darius’ last hope, however, the Lord was Daniel’s first hope”
1. King Darius _____ himself over his foolish decision all night (Da. 6:18; Psa. 127:1–2).
 2. King Darius _____ as he waited to know Daniel’s fate (Da. 6:19-20).
 - lamentable — to pain, to grieve.
- B. Daniel’s righteous response to the king (Da. 6:21-23)
1. Daniel had no _____ toward the king and wanted Darius to know it (Da. 6:21; Eph. 4:32).
 2. Daniel gave _____ to God for sending His angel to shut the lion’s mouths (Da 6:22-23).
 3. Daniel knew _____ God shut the mouth of the

lions (Da 6:23). The devil is the devouring lion (1 Pe. 5:8; Eph. 6:12).

- a. We are devoured by our lack of _____ to God (Ja. 4:6–8).
- b. We are devoured by our lack of _____ of heart to God.
 - innocency — purity in God's sight
- c. We are devoured by our sinful _____ toward people “...and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.”
 - hurt — wicked actions to man

III. The Destruction of the Accusers (Da. 6:24)

- A. The Devil shows no _____ to us when decide to use his tactics.
- B. The consequences for the accusers affected their _____ detrimentally.
 1. The _____ we have from the Lord is given through our submission to him (Prov. 13:13–14).
 2. The lions easily _____ those that do not regard the Lord (Eph. 4:26–27)
 - mastery — to have power, to rule over.
 - power — hand, power, control, possession

IV. The Decree of a Glad King (Da. 6:25-28)

- A. Darius made a new decree to tremble and fear before God.
 1. He is the _____ God— able to see, hear, speak, think, act
 2. He is _____ for ever— sure and secure
 3. His kingdom shall not be destroyed—hurt
 4. His dominion is unto the end—He is sovereign
 5. He _____ — to free

6. He _____ — to extricate
 7. He works signs and wonders — miraculous
 8. He has delivered Daniel from the _____ of the lions.
- B. Daniel _____ for the remainder of his life (Josh 1:7; Psa. 122:6).