

Chapter 8 — "The Lion's Den" (Daniel 6:1-28)

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight." — Daniel 6:22

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTENT

1. Daniel's Promotion and Flawless Integrity

How did Daniel distinguish himself among the administrators under King Darius (Dan. 6:1–3), and what did his political rivals discover when they conducted a thorough "background check" on his government service (Dan. 6:4–5)?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

2. The Plot Against Prayer

How did the administrators and satraps appeal to King Darius's pride to pass an unalterable decree under Medo-Persian law, and what false claim did they make regarding who supported the edict (Dan. 6:6–9)?

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3. Daniel's Unwavering Life of Prayer

Upon learning that the decree was signed into law, what specific steps did Daniel take in his upstairs room (Dan. 6:10–11), and how did his accusers use his regular habits to trap both Daniel and the king (Dan. 6:12–15)?

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4. The Lions' Den and the Distressed King

What measures were taken to secure the lions' den (Dan. 6:16–17), and how did King Darius spend his night in the palace compared to Daniel in the pit (Dan. 6:18)?

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5. Deliverance, Judgment, and God's Renown

How did God protect Daniel from harm (Dan. 6:19–23), what judgment fell upon Daniel's accusers (Dan. 6:24), and how did King Darius describe God in his new decree (Dan. 6:25–28)?

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PART II: APPLYING THE MATERIAL

6. A Character That Stands the Test

Daniel maintained a spotless personal testimony long before his faith was ever put on trial. If someone were to conduct a deep investigation into your private life, financial transactions, and daily habits, what would it reveal about your integrity?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

7. Maintaining Public Faith Under Pressure

When prayer was banned, Daniel didn't hide, alter his regular habits, or compromise his devotion to God. How can believers maintain a bold, faithful public witness today when facing cultural or legal pressure to compromise?

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8. Trusting God as the Ultimate Judge

Daniel's name means "God is my judge," and God declared him innocent even when human government judged him guilty. How does knowing that God's authority supersedes all earthly laws give you confidence when standing for truth?

NOTES & REFLECTIONS

9. Turning Tests into Testimonies

There is no testimony without first going through a test. What current trial or difficulty are you facing, and how can you seek God's strength to turn that test into a powerful testimony for Christ?

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10. How Daniel's Rescue Points to Jesus

Daniel's rescue features striking parallels to Jesus—innocence, false accusation, a helpless ruler, a sealed tomb/den, miraculous deliverance, and ultimate exaltation. How should these parallels help shape our faith today?

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