

Daniel and the Lion's Den

Daniel 6:1-23

All of our hero's in the Bible lived in corrupt and degenerate times,
we're not the only generation.

The only 2 people who never lived in a fallen culture were.....

Every hero in God's Word had to deal with society and that includes Daniel.

We're living in times today that resemble the days of Daniel.

Daniel is a great mentor that helps us to navigate through these days of generation.

Our society today, from our government to the liberal media to secular judges,
love to practice censorship when it comes to Biblical Christianity.

Our society today is tolerant to.....

This morning I want us to look at Daniel's encounter with King Darius and his lions.

Here in chapter 6 Daniel is 83 years old.

Notice 4 things about Daniel:

I. Daniels' _____. v1-3

It's 538 B.C. and King Darius is establishing a world empire.

He's selecting a..... Part of their responsibility was collecting taxes.....

And because there was dishonesty among some of the 120 rulers.....

Of the 3 governors, Daniel was selected to lead over all the rulers and governors.

Notice verse 3 tells us why Daniel was chosen.

Daniel had honored God all his life and now.....

Daniel's promotion did not sit well with his peers.

II. Daniels' _____. v4

Remember these 3 ways to avoid criticism:

_____ nothing _____ nothing _____ nothing

The N. T. says, "those who live for Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Now these presidents and princes were not happy with Daniel's promotion
so they try to dig up some "dirt" on Daniel.

But the more they searched, the angrier they became.

Now in verses 5-9 notice their plan.

These men set Daniel up for failure because they knew.....

III. Daniels' _____. v10-11

When Daniel heard about the king's decree he went home.....

Daniel was _____ and _____ regardless of the consequences.

Daniel would rather spend one night in.....

Notice Daniel was persistent in his:

1. _____ life as he was recognized by the king
2. _____ life for his enemies could.....
3. _____ life "he prayed 3 times a day as was his custom."

IV. Daniels' _____. v12-23

Notice 3 things Daniel was from:

1. He was protected from the _____. v13-15

Now King Darius realizes that what he's done by signing the decree was wrong.

He knew the danger he was putting Daniel in by signing this _____ ban.

So King Darius works all day long trying to find some loophole.....

Persian law said that sentences for crimes were to be carried out.....

2. He was protected from the _____. v16-18

Now while Daniel slept like a baby in the lion's den, the king couldn't sleep.....

Watch this:

The lions wanted to eat and _____, the king could eat but _____.

It was a strange nite in Persia.

3. He was protected by the _____. v19-22

Psalm 34:7 "The Angel of the Lord encampeth around those who fear Him."

Example: A Sunday school teacher asked her class "why wasn't Daniel afraid"

A little girl said, "because the....." **AMEN**

Notice the key phrase in this story. v23

Do we believe in the "Lord" when we go through our problems,
our disappointments, our.....

**Isaiah 43:2-3 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.**

**When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you.**

For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.....