

# Daniel in the Lion's Den

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Daniel 6.

B. Nations come and go.

C. The Bible tells us that the coming and going of nations is all according to the predetermined plan of God. (Isaiah 40:7-8, 15; Daniel 4:17)

D. Keywords: promotion, plot, perseverance, prosecution, penalty, preservation, punishment, proclamation, prosperity.

## II. Daniel was preferred among everyone else.

A. He had an excellent attitude.

B. He had wisdom.

C. He had leadership ability.

D. He could interpret dreams and visions.

## III. Daniel was old in age. The power of a virtuous life extends into old age.

## IV. There are prices to pay for excelling.

A. One is a prisoner to what he excels in.

B. One is hounded by enemies. (Philippians 1)

## V. The only thing that Daniel's enemies could find on him was that he was totally committed to his God.

## VI. Daniel prayed demonstrating his virtue. (Psalm 55)

## VII. Daniel never defended himself because he trusted in God.

## VIII. Daniel's success in the lion's den caused the whole nation to fear God.

A. The theme is the glory of God. God gets the glory.

B. Daniel prospered.

## IX. Conclusion.

A. Daniel transcended history—he got his feet out of the muck of human issues and sought the kingdom of God.

B. Daniel lived a consistent life from start to finish.

- C. Daniel utterly fulfilled his coming.
- D. Daniel had a right attitude.
- E. Daniel was not embittered by an envious world.
- F. Daniel was condemned only for his righteousness.
- G. Daniel is known for his integrity even by his enemies.
- H. Daniel was a faithful citizen until he was asked to violate the law of God.
- I. Daniel was willing to face any consequence within the framework of God's will and leave the outcome to God.
- J. Daniel was a faithful servant no matter the cost.
- K. Daniel never defended himself—he left that to God.
- L. Daniel strengthened the faith of others.
- M. Daniel was delivered from all harm for the purpose of God.
- N. Daniel was a vehicle for God's glory.
- O. Daniel would be avenged by God.
- P. Daniel was exalted by those around him.

**Application Questions:**

1. How should a knowledge of God's power of the nations affect a Christian in his or her everyday life? Explain.

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2. In what ways does Daniel model how a Christian should live in his culture?

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3. Which characteristic of Daniel would you like to emulate the most? How will you go about this? Explain.

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