The Most High God
Ruler of Heaven and Earth

Daniel and the Lions’ Den
Daniel 6
Lesson 6

Trinity Bible Church Sunday School
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Daniel – Outlines

1. History (1-6)
2. Prophecy (7-12)

1. Daniel purposed not to defile himself (1)
2. Message to the nations in Aramaic (2-7)
3. Message to Israel in Hebrew (8-12)
Daniel – Purpose

- Sovereign God in the realm of mankind
- Individual believer in the realm of mankind
- Christ in the realm of mankind – Savior & King
Historical Context

▶ Termination of the Kingdom of Israel
  • The Promise of God – Genesis 12:1-3
  • The Law of Moses

▶ The hope of restoration
  • Deuteronomy 30
  • Jeremiah 31:31-34
  • Ezekiel 37
  • Daniel 9
The Course of World History
Daniel 2 – the great statue

▪ Babylon - head of gold
  • Habakkuk

▪ Medes and Persians – chest and arms of silver
  • Isaiah 13:17; Jeremiah 51:11, 28

▪ Greek – belly and thighs of bronze

▪ Rome – legs of iron
  • Feet of iron mixed with clay
  • 10 toes

▪ Kingdom of God – Stone cut without hands
Daniel and the Lions Den – Daniel 6

- Daniel in the Medo-Persian empire
- A ruler under Cyrus and Darius
- A prophet – 9:1; 10:1 – 1st and 3rd year of Darius
- The servant of the living God
Daniel in Medo-Persia (6:1-9)

- Daniel, the commissioner (SARAK)
- Daniel’s enemies
  - Despised him for his excellence and preferential treatment
  - Spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:12) – hostility to Christ
- A ground of accusation
  - In regard to government affairs
  - In regard to the law of his God
A Manufactured Crime

- No other gods before Me
- Love God with all your heart, soul and might
- It is the distinguishing feature of Daniel
- It is an affront to the god of this world
- The death trap for Daniel
Daniel and the decree (6:10-15)

- Daniel’s reputation of submission to the king
- Daniel’s resolve not to defile himself
- Daniel prayed 3 times a day in his home
- Prayer and thanksgiving
- Windows open toward Jerusalem
  - 1 Kings 8:46-50
  - Ezek 11:13-23 (glory departed); Ezek 43:1-8 (glory returns)
Accusation of his enemies

► Pays no attention to the king
► Pays no attention to the decree and its penalty
► Loves and serves God more than life
Darius, advocate for Daniel

- King not personally offended
- King unable to save Daniel
- Daniel’s enemies had no respect for the King
- The King trapped by his pride
Daniel and the lions’ den (6:16-23)

▶ Your God whom you constantly serve
▶ Faith of Darius?
▶ A restless night for the king
▶ Servant of the living God . . .
▶ The Angel of the LORD
▶ Innocent of crime against the king
Because Daniel trusted in God

What did Daniel believe?
- God of his fathers – the Promise – Daniel 9:4

Faith of Abraham – Galatians 3:6-8
- Hebrews 11:6, 13, 17-19
- Genesis 15:1, 6

Faith in the blessing of God – the reward
- Hebrews 11:32-40
The ways of God

- Enemies of God in the lions’ den
- The decree of the king
  - The Possessor of heaven and earth
  - The Savior
- The elevation of Daniel
Daniel, the servant of the LORD

- Trust in God
- Holiness
- Constantly serve God
- Thankful in everything
- Hope