

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“God’s Heroes”**

**“Behind Enemy Lines” – Pt. 7**

Daniel 6:1-28 & Selected

Like Daniel, God’s heroes today operate behind enemy lines for His glory and the advancement of His Kingdom!

### **God’s Heroes Today...**

#### **I. Stand tall above the worldly majority.**

*“Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.” Vs. 3*

#### **Those Who Stand Tall...**

- **Know their God!**
- **Honor their God!**
- **Trust their God!**

#### **II. Become the target of a corrupt society.**

*“Then these men said, ‘We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.’ Vs. 5*

*“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8*

### **III. Refuse to deny Him regardless of the cost.**

*“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.”* Vs. 10

### **IV. Join the ranks of the falsely accused.**

*“Then they answered and said before the king, ‘Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.’”*  
Vs. 13

*“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”* Matthew 5:11-12

See also John 15:18-21

*“Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.”* Psalm 55:22

### **V. Courageously trust in the protection of God.**

*“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”* Vs. 22

*“The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.”* Psalm 37:7

### **VI. Confidently rests in the justice of God.**

*“And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions – they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.”*

Vs. 24