

Title: The Messing

Text: Daniel 6:20-24 (NASB)

“Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house ... and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously” (Dan 6:10 NASB).

“When he had come near the den to Daniel, he cried out with a troubled voice. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions? Then Daniel spoke to the king, ‘O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.’ Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children and their wives, into the lions’ den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones” (Daniel 6:20-24 NASB).

OBEYING IS:

1. NOT ALWAYS GETTING MY WAY, BUT GETTING GOD’S WAY!

“...Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted” (Matt 15:13 NASB).

- **Settle Once and For All... God is Smarter than I Am!**

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Is 55:9 NASB).

2. TRUSTING GOD TO **BLESS** YOU THE WAY HE SEES BEST.

"...God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways" (Acts 3:26 NASB).

- A **Safeguard** for You.

"All Israel has disobeyed your law and turned away, refusing to listen to your voice. So now the solemn curses and judgments written in the law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out against us because of our sin" (Dan 9:11 NLT).

3. A **CHARACTER** QUALITY YOU DEVELOP.

- Feed Your **Spirit** and Not Your Flesh.
- Keep Your **Conscience** in Good Working Order.
- Make **Goals** as Points of Obedience for this Season.