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A study of Daniel

Part 7

August 23, 2023

Courage comes from a
collection of consistent
habits performed over
time that give you
spiritual strength in the
time of adversity



John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto
you, that in me ye might have
peace. In the world ye shall have
tribulation: but be of
good cheer; I have
overcome the world

The Backdrop of the Text





Daniel 5:30-31

In that night was Belshazzar
the king of the Chaldeans
slain. 31 And Darius the Median
took the kingdom, [being] about
threescore and two years old

Daniel 6:1

It pleased Darius to set over
the kingdom an hundred and
twenty princes, which
should be over the
whole kingdom



Daniel 6:2-3

And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel [was] first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. 3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit [was] in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Principle #1:

The Character of
Daniel's Position



Revelation 21:4-5

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful



Daniel 6:3

...Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit [was] in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

Daniel 6:4

Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he [was] faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Principle #2:

The Conniving of
the Enemy's Plan





Ephesians 6:13-14

...and having done all, to
stand. Stand therefore,
having your loins girt
about with truth

Proverbs 10:19

When words are many,
transgression is not lacking,
but whoever restrains
his lips is prudent.

The wise learn to
measure their words so
their words matter more
and carry more weight
with them





Daniel 6:4

...but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he [was] faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Daniel 6:5

Then said these men,
We shall not find any occasion
against this Daniel, except we
find [it] against him
concerning the law of
his God



Daniel 6:6-7

Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.



Daniel 6:8

Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.



Daniel 6:10

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Principle #3:

The Consistency of
Daniel's Prayer



Daniel 6:11-12

Then these men assembled,
and found Daniel praying and
making supplication
before his God.



Daniel 6:12

Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask [a petition] of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing [is] true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

Daniel 6:14, 17-18

Then the king, when he heard [these] words, was sore displeased with himself, and set [his] heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. ...

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning

Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

Principle #4:

The Conservation of
Daniel's Purpose





Daniel 6:21-22

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

Daniel 6:28

So this Daniel prospered in
the reign of Darius, and in
the reign of Cyrus the
Persian



Jude 1:18-20

How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost

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