

# **EXILE: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ELECT EXILE**

**Daniel 6:1-28**

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*To those who are elect exiles... (1 Peter 1:1)*

**People may \_\_\_\_\_ you and not know why.**

*Then the high officials and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. (v. 4)*

*Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted... (2 Timothy 3:12)*

**Courageous faithfulness perseveres regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*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. (v. 10)*

*Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost...So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.*  
(Luke 27-28, 33)

**You may do everything \_\_\_\_\_ and still suffer.**

*Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" (v. 16)*

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (James 1:2-4)*

**God commands His angels toward those who \_\_\_\_\_ Him.**

*Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! 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." (vv. 21-22)*

*Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? (Hebrews 1:14)*

**God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to bring Himself greater glory.**

*Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever... (vv. 25-26)*

*...and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places... (Ephesians 1:19-20)*

**Legend**

People may hate you and not know why.

Courageous faithfulness perseveres regardless of the cost.

You may do everything right and still suffer.

God commands His angels toward those who trust Him.

God uses hard times to bring Himself greater glory.

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