

EXILE: The God Who Rules & Overrules

Daniel 6:1-28

I. _____ God and let Him _____ you (6:1-4)

A. _____ in the Spirit (6:1-3)

1. "120 Satraps" (vs. 1): Oversee administrative districts covering the entire Medo-Persian Empire
2. Three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one) (vs. 2): 120 Satraps and their perspective administrative district fell under the authority of a commissioner.

B. _____ faithfully (6:4)

1. Proverbs 20:6 - *Many a person proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy person?*

II. Be _____ to God even if it _____ you (6:5-15)

A. _____ men will try to _____ a godly man (6:5-9)

1. cf. John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14; Ephesians 6:10-18

B. _____ men will remain _____ to God no matter what (6:10-15)

1. Christian character is forged before the moment of adversity (cf. 6:10)
2. While it's revealed in the moment of adversity.
3. Past faithfulness is no substitute for present faithfulness.

III. Place your _____ in God and know He is able to _____ you (6:16-24)

A. We can rest in God's _____ (6:16-18)

1. Daniel 6:18 – *Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting, and no entertainment was brought before him; and his sleep fled from him.*

B. We can be certain of God's _____ (6:19-24)

1. vv. 21-22 are Daniel's only recorded words in chapter six.

2. In Medo-Persian law, it was common for punishment of death to be extended to the entire family unit.

IV. God will use _____ to make His _____ famous (6:25-28)

A. God can cause unbelievers to _____ His greatness (6:25-26)

1. Proverbs 21:1 – *The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He pleases.*

B. God can use unbelievers to _____ His glory (6:26-28)

1. James 4:10 – *Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*

Life Group Discussion:

1. Why do you think the story of Daniel in the lions' den connects with those who hears or reads it?
2. What characteristics makes Daniel standout among kings, aiding in his ascent to high positions of influence and leadership? Consider these passages in Daniel: 1:17; 4:8-9, 18; 5:11-12,14; 6:3-4
3. How can you prepare now for future opposition? Consider these passages: John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12-14; Ephesians 6:10-18
4. In what ways are you being called to endure in faith in a way that is costly?
5. Daniel's faithfulness to God led him to disobey the earthly king. What kinds of situations could we find ourselves and prepared for, to serve God rather than man (cf. Acts 5:29)?
6. Do you see any parallels between to the story of Daniel 6 and those recorded concerning the life of Jesus?
7. Can you recall a time when God has delivered you from metaphorical lions' den and you came out unscathed? Please share.

Key:

- I. Honor... exalt
 - a. Walk
 - b. Serve
- II. faithful... costs
 - a. Evil... entrap
 - b. Godly... faithful
- III. trust... deliver
 - a. plan
 - b. power
- IV. you... name
 - a. acknowledge
 - b. proclaim