

THE UNCHANGEABLE LAW

Bright Lights in a Dark World: Daniel - 9

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Text: Daniel 6:1- 8

Theme: Obedience to God takes priority over all human demands.

Those Who Would Obey God Must Expect Opposition

"Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. 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. 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.'" (Daniel 6:3-5)

The Only Safe Path is Obedience and Trust, Even Unto Death

"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." (Daniel 6:10)

"Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions." (Daniel 6:16)

One Greater Than Daniel Walked this Path for Our Salvation

"And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.'" (Luke 22:41-42)

"For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:22-26)

Discussion

- 1) What was your main takeaway from the sermon? (Let each group member answer.)
- 2) Why was Darius's law unchangeable? Why is God's law unchangeable?
- 3) Where do you personally experience the greatest opposition to your efforts to obey God?
- 4) What obligation do we have to Christians who suffer for their faith? (See Hebrews 13:3.) How can your group fulfill this responsibility?