

“Daniel In The Lions Den”
Daniel 6: 1-7

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**Judah's 70 years of captivity ends
with Belshazzar's death -**

**This was God's promise that
captured Judah would be restored
to the land -**

Isaiah 44: 26-28

Isaiah 45: 13

150 years before it occurred, *as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah*, Cyrus is named and lets the people go back to Jerusalem - *just like the Bible said!!*

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

GOD!!

Verse 1 - 3

Daniel has favor

The man of God, *favored by God*, had an excellent spirit and attitude, and the king noticed!

- People take notice of an excellent spirit and a great attitude!
- A positive attitude can be cultivated
- A negative attitude can be changed; you must make the decision to change!
- Darius notices Daniel's spirit and promotes him

Verse 4 - 9

A jealous plot to destroy Daniel

Daniel's life of honor and faithfulness starts with God; if that is in order, other things will follow

A common enemy tactic is to attack your faith (Baker and Florist)

The line has been drawn!

Bow to the culture's mores, values, idols and gods OR *be faithful to the true God!!*

The Plot:

Attack Daniel's God

Attack Daniel's belief

**Daniel determined in his heart
to be a God follower, *not a
cultural compromiser!***

Verse 10 - 11

The prayer of Daniel

Daniel heard the edict;

Daniel knew what was at stake, *but Daniel prayed!!*

The Christian is to be an excellent citizen and obey the government laws - **Romans 13: 1-2**

UNLESS the government requires disobedience to God's Word -

Exodus 1: 17; Daniel 3: 16;

Acts 5: 28-29

Verse 12 - 15

The plot to persecute Daniel

**Cyrus fell into the pride trap and
flattery trap *and rued the day!***

**Cyrus was greatly displeased with
himself and he labored to free
Daniel - verse 14**

**The king panicked, *but Daniel
didn't!***

- 1) The Lord was with Daniel
Daniel 6: 22
- 2) Daniel had a different attitude, spirit and countenance - Daniel 6: 3
- 3) Daniel did not fear people or their plots - Proverbs 29: 25
- 4) Daniel did not use age (80's) as a reason to retreat - Hebrews 12: 1

Know that when you are prosecuted for your faith that God will get you to the finish line!

Verse 16 - 17

Daniel had no regrets

What you see in Daniel is:

No self-pity, no plea for release,
no *“poor me”*, not *“why me?”*

You see:

A total trust in God no matter
what! *NO REGRETS!!*

REMEMBER:

The essence of faith is the
willingness to serve God
without a guarantee

CONCLUSION:

DANIEL IN THE LIONS DEN (PART 1)

How we respond to life's challenges and shocks is determined by how we are dwelling in Christ -

Daniel knew that God is sovereign and in control, *through the good, the bad and the ugly!*

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The lion's den is not unique -

*How you face the lion's den
with God's strength is unique!!*

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