

Series: The Book of Daniel
Title: Facing the Lions
Daniel 6

Introduction

Daniel and the Lion's Den is one of the most favorite Bible stories. The story contains so many dramatic features; the jealousy of politicians; the vanity of the king; the integrity of Daniel; the power and deliverance of God; add some hungry lions and a little violence, and you've got the makings of a great movie! It all begins in Chapter 6 of Daniel's story.

1. Daniel was one of _____ leaders appointed to be directly under Darius.
2. Unfortunately, his attitude about life and good work ethic made him the object of jealous _____ by the other leaders.
3. Daniel's heart desired to please God, and Darius saw Daniel's potential and wanted to _____ him.
4. Daniel's competitors heard about Darius' intentions and initiated a plot to _____ him.
5. His enemies found _____, so they had to make up something.
6. The world may be a very poor _____ of Christianity, but it is a very accurate _____ of Christian conduct.
7. The enemies of Daniel also knew they could appeal to Darius' pride and desire for a strong and _____ kingdom.
8. Daniel's enemies also knew that people would do things they wouldn't normally do as long as they _____ everyone else would do it.

9. Once King Darius signed the written decree, no one could _____ it.
10. Daniel's enemies knew his faithfulness to God would _____ him to the lion's den.
11. Daniel would not give to the _____ that which belonged to God alone.
12. The power to obey and stand for God comes from a settled understanding that God is the One really in _____.
13. Daniel wasn't courting _____; he was continuing a life of faithful ministry in prayer.
14. Daniel's custom of prayer was _____ prayer, with no intention of impressing others.
15. When King Darius realized what he had done, he was displeased with _____.
16. Daniel's testimony was that he consistently and continually _____ his faith in God.
17. When our lives are centered in God, we can afford to leave our circumstances in the _____ of the One in Whom we trust.
18. We don't know if Daniel *saw* an angel, but he certainly knew that God sent His angel to _____ him.
19. Daniel is an example of _____ disobedience.
20. Daniel's accusers perished in the very _____ they set for Daniel.
21. From time to time, we all are confronted with situations that test our _____.

22. Integrity requires honesty and _____.

23. And maybe most of all, people with integrity highly _____ other people.

I. Trust In God's Plan

24. In a "Babylon" situation, the _____ is to act unscrupulously and take matters into your own hands.

25. Daniel's circumstances did not dictate his _____.

26. God still has a _____ for your life!

II. Seek the Purpose for Pain

27. Researchers say people give up because they believe their suffering has no _____ or meaning.

28. If you know there is a purpose behind your suffering and pain you can endure it for the _____ of God.

29. God may allow evil circumstances to come our way, but he is not the _____ of them.

III. God Can Do Anything

30. Each person will face an impossible situation with seemingly no way out or apparent _____.

31. It's easy to let the focus become how you get out of the situation rather than how you _____ God through it.

32. Daniel's faith didn't require God to deliver him; His faith was at peace with whatever God _____.

33. Live your life with integrity and humility, and allow God to work through you to be a _____ to others.

Conclusion

34. The truth is that Godly values of the heart always _____ talent or ability.

People of integrity are not easily intimidated and remain faithful regardless of the consequences. Good people will often do what they can to help you, but only God can deliver you. Remember that inner character is always more valuable than outward ability. When you face the lions of your life, remember that whether in life or death, God is worthy of your worship, no matter what the circumstances.

Answers

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| 1. three | 13. martyrdom | 25. faith |
| 2. attacks | 14. private | 26. plan |
| 3. promote | 15. himself | 27. purpose |
| 4. kill | 16. demonstrated | 28. glory |
| 5. nothing | 17. hands | 29. author |
| 6. critic | 18. rescue | 30. solution |
| 7. unified | 19. obedient | 31. honor |
| 8. thought | 20. trap | 32. decided |
| 9. change | 21. integrity | 33. blessing |
| 10. condemn | 22. truthfulness | 34. supersede |
| 11. government | 23. value | |
| 12. control | 24. temptation | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever found yourself in a Babylon situation where your life completely change dramatically and not in a way you planned? How did you react?
2. Does the pain of this life cause you to draw closer to Christ or cause you to become more critical of Him?
3. Are you at peace with whatever God decides, or do you try to manipulate God to do what you've decided?