

## PRESENT HELP - 3



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#### **Daniel 6: 1-28**

Daniel was not mentioned in the story of the 3 Hebrew sons and they too were not mentioned in the story of Daniel. Everyone of us shall have His/her own turn and time of testing.

Our trial or test of faith is not a matter of if but a matter of when. We cannot wish it away! - **Jam.1: 2-4.**

The story of the 3 Hebrew sons and that of Daniel put together, give us a complete view of how to overcome sin and Satan. There are 2 ways by which we sin - we sin by omission and commission. Daniel did not omit his duty of prayer to God, and the 3 Hebrew sons did commit the sin of idolatry.

We must learn from them and resolve to constantly adhere or commit to what is good and also to abhor or omit what is evil in life - whatever the cost. The costs are always high but God is always there as our Present Help to bail us out!

#### **1. The Man Daniel:**

Daniel was good - **Dan.6: 1-3.**

He was so good that he was chosen to be one of the 120 princes in the kingdom, one of the supervising presidents and the first and most preferred of the 3 presidents.

Daniel was not just good, he was excellent or extraordinary. What is the difference between ordinary and extraordinary? Beyond personal endowment and training, he was diligent and was always willing to go the extra mile and put in extra effort - **Prov.22: 29.**

He was the best!

Daniel was committed and consecrated to God like the 3 other Hebrew sons.

Daniel was faithful and faultless - **Dan.6: 4.**

Daniel was a man of prayer - **Dan.6: 10.**

Daniel was bold and fearless - **Prov.28: 1; 2Tim.1: 7.**

## **2. Envy & Conspiracy - Dan.6: 6-9.**

Envy is evil. Evil people will always conspire against those that are good.

Being good does not exclude us from envy but envy in itself is a major proof that you are good, succeeding or successful e.g. Joseph, Moses, David, Daniel, Jesus.

No need for envy in the church as we have all been gifted by God (**Matt.25: 14-30**). So, simply face your God and focus on your gift(s)! - **Prov.18: 16**.

Envious people usually gather together to conspire against good people - **Dan.6: 11**.

Beware of the type of friends you keep!

Envious people are full of plots and schemes. Their evil plot was against the prayer of Daniel.

They used flattery too. They said nobody should pray to any God or man except to the king.

The king did not suspect that he was being set up. Let us pray against every form of set up and evil counsel of ungodly men.

## **3. The Travail of Daniel - Dan.6: 11-17.**

Daniel was a man of prayer and no royal decree could change that. He continued to pray constantly and openly. Our prayer life must be balanced - we must learn to pray both privately and publicly!

Daniel was closely monitored also and was arrested.

Daniel did not deny God or praying. Don't deny God!

King Darius loved Daniel and wanted to help him but was helpless himself. God is the Source of everything in life. No man can help you unless God helps you through him. So, always look beyond men to see God.

Daniel was eventually thrown into the den of lions but God was there with him as a Present Help. He sent His angel to shut the mouths of the lions and delivered His faithful servant.

## **4. The Triumph of Daniel - Dan.6: 18-24.**

The table will always turn against evil men. Those who plotted against Daniel eventually fell for their plot and were thrown into the den of lions and were consumed by the lions.

The entire Bible confirms that Light will always overcome darkness, good will always overcome evil and the righteous will always overcome the wicked.

## **Conclusion:**

Eventually, King Darius acknowledged the God of Daniel as supreme and decreed that everyone in his kingdom should worship and serve Him. The ultimate goal of God in the trials and triumphs our life as believers is for Him to be glorified.