

## LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF DANIEL

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DARE TO BE A DANIEL!

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*Daniel 1:8: But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

Standing by a purpose true,  
Heeding God's command,  
Honor them, the faithful few!  
All hail to Daniel's band!

Chorus:

Dare to be a Daniel,  
Dare to stand alone!  
Dare to have a purpose firm!  
Dare to make it known.

Many mighty men are lost  
Daring not to stand,  
Who for God had been a host  
By joining Daniel's band.

Many giants, great and tall,  
Stalking through the land,  
Headlong to the earth would fall,  
If met by Daniel's band.

Hold the Gospel banner high!  
On to vict'ry grand!  
Satan and his hosts defy,  
And shout for Daniel's band.

## TULARAN SI DANIEL!

Salin sa Tagalog ni Pastor Bien Llobrera

*Daniel 1:8: Ngunit ipinasiya ni Daniel na hindi niya durungisan ang sarili sa pamamagitan ng bahagi ng pagkaing mula sa hari o ng alak man na kanyang iniinom. Kaya't kanyang hiniling sa pinunong eunuko na pahintulutan siyang huwag dungisan ang kanyang sarili.*

Matatag ang pasiyang  
Maglingkod sa Diyos,  
Sa kay Daniel na bakas  
Tayo ay susunod.

Koro:  
Tularan si Daniel,  
Manindigan ka,  
Manatili kang tapat  
Kahit mag-isa.

Maraming bumabagsak  
Pag nag-iisa,  
Kay Daniel ka gumaya,  
Magtatagumpay ka.

Higanteng malalakas  
Ay iyong daig  
Kung ang tapang ni Daniel  
Nasa iyong dibdib.

Ibandila si Cristo  
Sa buong mundo,  
Kahit diablo ay talo  
Kung matapat tayo.

## TULARAN SI DANIEL

(Himig: Leron, Leron, Sinta)

Awitin 1

Daniel Kabanata 1

Tularan si Daniel,

Kristianong matapat;  
Kahit anong tukso,  
Di s'ya patatalo;  
Sa agos ng mundo,  
Lumalabang todo;  
Sa isip at kilos,  
Laging una ang Diyos!

Awitin 2  
Daniel Kabanata 2

Si Nebukadnezar,  
Hari ng Babylon,  
Buong kasaysayan  
Sa kanya'y nabuksan:  
Isang monumentong  
Ginto't pilak, tanso,  
Bakal at putik din,  
Naging pangitain.

Awitin 3  
Daniel Kabanata 3

Si Shadrac at Meshac  
At si Abednego,  
Tumangging lumuhod  
Sa isang rebulto;  
Sila ay sa apoy  
Biglang inihagis;  
Sila'y iniligtas  
Ng Diyos nilang tapat!

Awitin 4  
Daniel Kabanata 4

Si Nebukadnezar  
Ay haring mayabang,  
Sa tunay na Di-yos  
Ayaw s'yang pasakop;  
Naging baliw si-ya,

Naging parang baka,  
At gumaling lang s'ya,  
Nang Diyos ay sinamba!

Awitin 5  
Kabanata 5

Si Belshazar naman  
Haring lapastangan,  
Sarong banal ng Diyos  
Sinidlan ng alak.  
Habang naglalasing,  
Kalaba'y dumating;  
At kaharian n'ya  
Inagaw sa kanya.

Awitin 6  
Daniel Kabanata 6

Tularan si Daniel,  
Kristianong matapang,  
Tapat manalangin,  
Kahit parusahan;  
Nang s'ya ay itapon  
Sa yungib ng leon,  
S'ya ay di sinaktan,  
D'yos ang kanyang bantay!

## **Lesson 1: THE CHRISTIAN VERSUS THE WORLD**

### **Text: Daniel Chapter 1**

#### INTRODUCTION

An old African-American gospel song describes the Christian life with these words: “This world is not my home, I’m just a-passing through, my treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue.” The Lord Jesus describes the Christian life even more clearly as living in enemy territory. *“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (John 15:18, 19 NKJV).* How then can Christians have victory and success in a world that is against them? Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, show us how.

## SIN AND PUNISHMENT

1. Please read Daniel Chapter 1.

2. God had warned His people of their idolatry, immorality, injustice and other sins. He sent them many prophets and waited for a long time to repent, but they kept on disobeying God. Finally God's long suffering ran out and He punished them; He allowed them to be conquered by Nebuchadnezzar, who destroyed Jerusalem, and carried away lots of treasures and many captives. This sad experience of God's people should serve as a warning to all Christians. If God is warning you to stop doing certain sins, you must repent immediately and stop committing those sins. Otherwise, what warning does Proverbs 29:1 give?

3. Together with King Jehoiakim:

(a) What treasures did Nebuchadnezzar take to Babylon? (Daniel 1:1-2)

(b) Who were some of the people taken to Babylon as captives? (Daniel 1:3-4)

(c) What was the plan of Nebuchadnezzar for the captive young men? (Daniel 1:5)

(d) What new names were given to Daniel and his three friends? (Daniel 1:6-7)

Daniel \_\_\_\_\_  
Hananiah \_\_\_\_\_  
Mishael \_\_\_\_\_  
Azariah \_\_\_\_\_

## VICTORY OVER TEMPTATION

4. Daniel and his three friends knew that as Jewish believers there were certain foods and drinks that God prohibited to them. But as trainees for Nebuchadnezzar's service, these foods and drinks were given as part of their required diet. What was Daniel's firm decision? (Daniel 1:8) (Underline the correct answer below.)

(1) Daniel was afraid of the king's command so he partook of the forbidden things.

(2) Daniel told his friends that it was okay to partake of the forbidden things, anyway their parents, friends, relatives, and religious leaders were far away and could not see them.

(3) Daniel reasoned that everybody was doing it, so he could do it too.

(4) Daniel thought that this was a good opportunity to have a new experience, besides the food and wine were free, so he ate and drank the forbidden things.

(5) Daniel made a firm decision in his heart to obey God and not to defile himself with the forbidden foods and drink.

6. How about you? Have you ever been tempted to do forbidden things? What was your reason for doing or not doing a forbidden thing?

7. Daniel knew that God was the highest authority above all; but he also recognized that there was a human authority in charge of the training.

(a) What experiment did Daniel suggest to the commander regarding their diet? (Daniel 1:9-13)

(b) What was the result of the experiment? (Daniel 1:14-16)

#### REWARD FOR OBEDIENCE

8. Because Daniel and his three friends honored and obeyed God above all:

(a) What reward did God give to them? (Daniel 1:17)

(b) What grade did king Nebuchadnezzar give to them? (Daniel 1:18-20)

(c) Until when did Daniel serve as a royal adviser? (Daniel 1:21)

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

9. In what area of your life do you need to honor and obey God at this time?

10. Review question number 4 (above). What wrong reason is Satan using to convince you not to honor and obey God at this time?

#### MEMORY VERSE

11. Memorize:

**Daniel 1:8 (NKJV):**

**But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.**

**Daniel 1:8 (NKJV):**

### **Lesson 2: PERSONAL AMBITION VERSUS GOD'S PURPOSE**

**Text: Daniel Chapter 2**

#### INTRODUCTION

Like other people, Christians also have certain ambitions. The most basic definition of ambition is that it is the desire of a person to have a better condition in life. It is not wrong to have ambition; a person without ambition will never improve or progress. But when does ambition become bad? In this lesson we will learn from the experience of Daniel and his three friends how to have the right kind of ambition.

#### A DANGEROUS DREAM

1. Please read Daniel Chapter 2.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. Why did the dream suddenly become dangerous to Daniel and his three friends? (Daniel 2:1-13)
3. When the officers came to arrest Daniel and his three friends, what answer did Daniel give to the chief officer? What plan did Daniel present to him? (Daniel 2:14-16)
4. Daniel and his three friends realized their lives were in danger. What was their response to this danger? (Daniel 2:17-18)
5. Did God answer their prayer? What did they tell God after He answered their prayers? (Daniel 2:19-23)
6. How about you? When you faced a big problem or danger, what did you do? Can you share one testimony about how God answered your prayer about a problem or need or danger?

#### A DIVINE INTERPRETATION

7. In your own words, briefly describe the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:25-35)
8. King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed about a big statue, made of different materials. What was the meaning of each material?
  - (a) Head of GOLD (Daniel 2:36-38) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Breast and arms of SILVER (Daniel 2:39a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (c) Belly and thighs of BRONZE (Daniel 2:39b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (d) Legs of IRON (Daniel 2:40-41) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (e) Feet of IRON & CLAY (Daniel 2:42-43) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (f) The STONE that crushed the statue (Daniel 2:44-45) \_\_\_\_\_
9. As a result of Daniel's interpretation, what rewards did Nebuchadnezzar give to Daniel and his three friends? (Daniel 2:46-49)

## APPLICATION

10. Nebuchadnezzar's dream was given by God as a prophecy in order to show what will happen in history (Daniel 2:29). Prophecy may be defined as God writing history before it happens. And world history books confirm the accuracy of God's prophecy. Babylon (head of gold) was conquered by Medo-Persia (breast & arms of silver), which in turn was conquered by Greece (belly and thighs of bronze), which in turn was conquered by Rome (legs of iron). Rome fell because of its internal weakness and no human world kingdom has replaced it. Instead, today we have the condition of a mixture of big and small nations (feet of iron and clay). The STONE represents God's kingdom which Jesus Christ will establish at His Second Coming. Notice that the STONE struck the statue at the feet of iron and clay; this means that the Second Coming will happen during the period of the big and small nations, such as the United Nations (THIS IS OUR PRESENT TIME!). In other words, Jesus Christ will come again in our time, and He will destroy all earthly kingdoms (big and small) that human beings have built. This also includes the destruction of personal kingdoms (business and political and other careers).

11. Question: In your personal ambition, are you planning to build something that will last forever? Or are you building something that will be burned when Jesus Christ comes?

(a) Please read Matthew 7: 24-27: How sure are you that you are building on rock instead of sand?

(b) Please read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17: How sure are you that using fire-proof materials (gold, silver, precious stones) instead of combustible materials (wood, hay, straw)?

12. According to the following verses, how can we be sure that our work will last, and not be burnt up?

(a) Matthew 6:33

(b) 1 Corinthians 10:31

(c) Ephesians 5:5-7

## MEMORIZE

13. Memorize:

**Matthew 6:33 – But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. – Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)**

**Lesson 3: PERSONAL SAFETY VERSUS FAITHFULNESS TO GOD**  
**Text: Daniel Chapter 3**

## INTRODUCTION

As we saw in Lesson 1, the Lord Jesus warned His disciples that persecutions will come. Persecutions will force Christians to choose between saving their life and obeying God. The three friends of Daniel – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – faced this dilemma. Their example will prepare you to make the right decision if and when you encounter persecution.

## BIG IDOL

1. Please read Daniel Chapter 3.
2. King Nebuchadnezzar was probably inspired by his dream in Daniel Chapter 2, that's why he commanded a big golden statue to be set up (Daniel 3:1).
  - (a) During the inauguration what did the king command everybody to do when the signal of the music sounded? (Daniel 3:4-5)
  - (b) What punishment would be given to those who refused to worship the statue? (Daniel 3:6)
  - (c) When the people heard the signal of music, what did they do? (Daniel 3:7)
  - (d) However, what did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego do? (Daniel 3:8-12)

## BOLD REPLY

3. When King Nebuchadnezzar heard the accusation against the three Hebrew friends, he gave them another chance (Daniel 3:13-118).
  - (a) What was the boastful warning of the king to the three friends? (Daniel 3:15)
  - (b) What was the bold reply of the three friends? (Daniel 3:16-18)
4. Because the king was very angry:
  - (a) What did he command regarding the furnace? (Daniel 3:19)
  - (b) What happened to the soldiers who threw the three friends into the furnace? (Daniel 3:22)

## MIGHTY DELIVERANCE

5. But what did King Nebuchadnezzar see inside the furnace? (Daniel 3:24-25)
6. When the king commanded the three friends to come out of the furnace, what effects did the fire have on them? (Daniel 3:26-27)

7. As a result of the miraculous deliverance of the three friends, what decree did the king make? (Daniel 3:28-29)

8. What happened to the three friends? (Daniel 3:30)

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

9. How about you? In what ways are you being persecuted for your faith?

10. What is your response to the persecution?

11. According to the Lord Jesus, what are some things we need to do to prepare ourselves for persecution?

(a) Matthew 10:19-20

(b) Matthew 10:28

(c) Matthew 10:29-31

(d) Matthew 10:32-33

#### MEMORIZE

12. Memorize:

**Daniel 3:17-18 – 17 If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. 18 But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up. – Daniel 3:17-18 (NKJV)**

### **Lesson 4: PRIDE VERSUS HUMILITY**

#### **Text: Daniel Chapter 4**

#### INTRODUCTION

Enemies from the outside threaten Christians through persecution. But there are also dangerous enemies which attack from the inside. The most dangerous enemy from the inside is pride. The Bible warns us: “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). In Daniel Chapter 4 we see from the experience of king Nebuchadnezzar the real nature of pride and its deadly results.

#### WARNING IN A DREAM

1. Please read Daniel Chapter 4.

2. Daniel 4:1-3 tells us that this chapter is a personal testimony by king Nebuchadnezzar. According to Daniel 4:4, what was the condition and situation of Nebuchadnezzar at this time?

3. Then the king had a dream that bothered his peace of mind (Daniel 4:5).

(a) Were the king's wise men able to interpret the dream? (Daniel 4:6-7)

(b) After all his wise men failed, to whom did the king turn? (Daniel 4:8-9)

4. Summarize in your own words the dream as told by the king to Daniel (Daniel 4:10-18)

#### THE INTERPRETATION

5. Describe the response of Daniel (Daniel 4:19-27).

(a) What was Daniel's initial response? (Daniel 4:19)

(b) Who was represented or symbolized by the big tree in the king's dream (Daniel 4:20-22)

(c) In the dream the king heard the angelic watcher command that the tree be cut down, and only a stump be allowed to remain (Daniel 4:23). According to Daniel what was the meaning of this command? (Daniel 4:24-25)

(d) What was the meaning of the stump that was allowed to remain? (Daniel 4:26)

(e) What advice did Daniel give to king Nebuchadnezzar? (Daniel 4:27)

6. The dream was actually a warning from God given to Nebuchadnezzar so that he might repent of his pride, so that he might learn to humble himself before God, and so that he might stop his wickedness and start doing righteousness.

(a) Twelve months later, instead of humbling himself, what did Nebuchadnezzar do? (Daniel 4:28-30)

(b) While making his proud boast, what did the voice from heaven say? (Daniel 4:31-32)

(c) What happened immediately? (Daniel 4:33)

7. Nebuchadnezzar became insane and acted like an animal eating grass and living like cattle out in the open field. But God was merciful to Nebuchadnezzar.

(a) What happened after a period of time? (Daniel 4:34)

(b) Finally, after Nebuchadnezzar learned his lesson, what did he say? (Daniel 4:34-35, 37)

(c) After Nebuchadnezzar learned to humble himself, what did God restore to him? (Daniel 4:36)

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

8. The true nature of pride is expressed in Nebuchadnezzar's proud boast: "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:30) Let's compare pride with humility below:

(a) Pride declares: I MYSELF DID IT.

Humility admits: GOD HELPED ME TO DO IT.

(b) Pride declares: I DID IT FOR MYSELF – for my power, fame and pleasure.

Humility testifies: ALL THANKS AND GLORY BELONG TO GOD ALONE –  
I consider myself blessed and honored to be God's instrument.

9. How about you? What are some major accomplishments in your life? When you look at your accomplishments, which statements in Question 8 represent your true feelings?

#### MEMORIZE

11. Memorize:

**Daniel 4:37 – Now I, Nebuchadnezzar (substitute your name here), praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works *are* truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down. – Daniel 4:37 (NKJV)**

### **Lesson 5: PLEASURE VERSUS WORSHIP Text: Daniel Chapter 5**

#### INTRODUCTION

Another dangerous enemy that Christians must guard against is pleasure. In Daniel Chapter 5 we will see how sinful pleasures brought down the kingdom of Babylon.

1. Please read Daniel Chapter 5.

2. Belshazzar, a successor to king Nebuchadnezzar, held a big feast (Daniel 5:1).

(a) In the middle of the feast, what wicked idea entered his mind? (Daniel 5:2)

- (b) What was the attitude and action of his officers, wives and guests? (Daniel 5:3)
  - (c) Instead of honoring the God of heaven, whom did they honor? (Daniel 5:4)
3. Describe what happened next.
- (a) What suddenly appeared on the wall? (Daniel 5:5)
  - (b) What was the effect on Belshazzar? (Daniel 5:6)
  - (c) Did the king's wise men succeed in interpreting the writing on the wall? (Daniel 5:7-9)
  - (d) Who came in to the banqueting hall, and what advise did she give? (Daniel 5:10-12)
4. When Daniel was brought in (Daniel 5:13-15):
- (a) What reward did Belshazzar offer him? (Daniel 5:16)
  - (b) What was Daniel's response to the offer? (Daniel 5:17)
5. Before giving the interpretation what did Daniel remind Belshazzar regarding king Nebuchadnezzar? (Daniel 5:18-21)
6. According to Daniel, Belshazzar's sin consisted of three things; what are they?
- (a) Regarding the lesson that God taught Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 5:21-22)
  - (b) Regarding the holy vessels from God's temple (Daniel 5:23a)
  - (c) Regarding the God who gave him breath and life (Daniel 5:23b)
7. Summarize the interpretation that Daniel gave about the three words on the wall (Daniel 5:25-28):
- (a) MENE
  - (b) TEKEL
  - (c) PERES
8. Regarding Daniel's reward:
- (a) Did Belshazzar fulfill his promise to Daniel? (Daniel 5:29)
  - (b) However, what happened on that same night? (Daniel 5:30)

(c) But how did God reward Daniel under the new king? (Daniel 6:1-3)

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

9. In Daniel 5:22-23 we learned that Belshazzar's sin consisted in three things:

(a) First, Belshazzar did not learn the lesson of humility from the sad experience of his father king Nebuchadnezzar. *"Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses. But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this."* (Daniel 5:21, 22)

#### HOW ABOUT YOU?

Like Belshazzar, you are sitting like a king on the throne of your life. To humble yourself, you need to get off that throne and surrender the throne to Christ and accept Him as Lord and King and Savior of your life. Have you done this? Please fill out the blank spaces below:

Yes, I have already received Christ as Lord and King and Savior on (date):

\_\_\_\_\_

I want to receive Christ today as my Lord and King and Savior (date): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Second, Belshazzar used God's holy temple vessels for his personal unholy use. *"And you have lifted yourself up against the Lord of heaven. They have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your lords, your wives and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood and stone, which do not see or hear or know"* (Daniel 5:23a).

#### HOW ABOUT YOU?

Today the Christian's body is God's temple. *"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? **20** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body<sup>l</sup> and in your spirit, which are God's"* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). The vessels of this temple are the different parts of our body. Many people use the different parts of their bodies for sinful pleasures. In Romans 12:1 we are given this reminder: *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."* Have you fully surrendered your whole body and all your parts to be used as instruments for God's glory?

Evaluate the pleasures and leisure time activities that you engage in and write down those activities that you need to stop doing; and write down those things you will start doing:

Activities I will STOP doing: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Activities I will START doing: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please meditate on the words of the hymn below, and if these words express your surrender sign your name and date below:

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

*Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

The words of the hymn above express my total surrender to Christ as my Lord, King and Savior today.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Third, Belshazzar did not worship God, who gave him breath and life everyday. *“And the God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not glorified” (Daniel 5:23b).*

#### HOW ABOUT YOU?

Every morning when you get out of bed, do you thank God for giving you breath and life and strength? The best way to thank God is to have a daily devotional time or quiet time, when you read your Bible and pray. Do you have a regular devotional time? If not, will you sign the commitment below?

As an expression of my gratitude to God for giving me breath and life everyday, I commit myself, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to have a daily devotional time in order to read my Bible and pray everyday.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORIZE

10. Memorize:

**Romans 12:1 – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. – Romans 12:1 (NKJV)**

## **Lesson 6: FAITHFULNESS VERSUS INTRIGUE** **Text: Daniel Chapter 6**

### INTRODUCTION

One source of opposition that Christians will encounter is from people who feel envious and jealous. Christian students might experience this in school; Christian employees might suffer this at their work place. In Daniel Chapter 6 we will learn from Daniel's example how we, too, can remain faithful to God in spite of the envy, jealousy and intrigue of co-workers.

### FAITHFULNESS BRINGS PROMOTION AND OPPOSITION

1. Please read Daniel Chapter 6.
2. Daniel was a top adviser in the kingdom of Babylon. When Medo-Persia conquered Babylon he was chosen by Darius, the new king, to be among the top three governors who will supervise 120 satraps (provincial governors) throughout the Medo-Persian kingdom (Daniel 6:1-2). What qualities did king Darius see in Daniel that made him decide to promote him as the chief governor over the whole kingdom? (Daniel 6:3)
3. How did the other satraps and governors react to Daniel's promotion? Why did they find it difficult to plan an intrigue against Daniel? (Daniel 6:4)
4. Finally, in what area of Daniel's life did they find a basis for their plot? (Daniel 6:5)
5. Summarize the idea of their plot. (Daniel 6:6-9)
6. The enemies of Daniel succeeded in setting a trap for him by using his faithfulness to God. They flattered the king into signing a decree that prohibited all citizens from praying to any God or idol but to pray only to the king during a period of thirty days. The king felt so important that he would be prayed to as if he was God himself. But when Daniel heard of the decree, what did he do? (Daniel 6:10 – Choose the correct answer.)

- (a) He stopped praying for thirty days.
- (b) He continued praying but he closed all his windows and doors so that nobody could see him.
- (c) He remained faithful to God in his habit of prayer; he prayed in the same way as he always did, three times a day, with windows open toward Jerusalem.

#### FAITHFULNESS BRINGS TRIAL AND BLESSING

7. The enemies were very happy to catch Daniel violating the decree of the king. (Daniel 6:11-13)

- (a) What was the king's reaction to the accusation against Daniel? (Daniel 6:14)
- (b) But what did Daniel's enemies force the king to do? (Daniel 6:15-16)
- (c) What did the king tell Daniel before he was thrown to the den of lions? (Daniel 6:17)
- (d) What did Daniel's enemies do to make sure that nobody could rescue Daniel? (Daniel 6:17)

8. While Daniel was in the lion's den:

- (a) What was happening to the king? (Daniel 6:18)
- (b) At dawn, what did the king do immediately? (Daniel 6:19-20)
- (c) What was Daniel's answer to the king? (Daniel 6:21-22)
- (d) How did the king feel when he heard Daniel's answer? (Daniel 6:23)

9. As a result, what did the king command regarding the enemies of Daniel? (Daniel 6:24a)

10. When the enemies and their families were thrown into the lion's den, what happened to them? (Daniel 6:24b)

11. What was the content of the letter that king Darius wrote to his whole kingdom because of God's miraculous deliverance of Daniel? (Daniel 6:25-27)

12. What was God's blessing to Daniel because of his faithfulness to God? (Daniel 6:28)

#### PERSONAL APPLICATION

13. In your school or work, in what ways have you been persecuted because of your identity and witness as a Christian?

14. How does the example of Daniel's faithfulness help you to be bold in your Christian witness at school or work?

15. As Christians, what do we need to remember about opposition and persecution?

(a) Matthew 5:11-12

(b) John 15:20

(c) 2 Timothy 3:12

(d) 1 Peter 4:19

MEMORIZE

16. Memorize:

**Daniel 6:26-27 – I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom *men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one* which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion *shall endure to the end. He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. – Daniel 6:26-27 (NKJV)***