

Daniel's Deliverance

Daniel 6:23

Introduction:

Text: Daniel pictured as a great and nearly flawless man.

1st years in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, he attained prominence & position. Babylon passed off the scene, Now Persia.

Daniel was still highly respected leader – 1 of top 3 men in empire. His excellent spirit and abilities recognized and rewarded.

****God's People should blossom where they might be.**

I. JEALOUSY

ILL – Johnny Howard and Calculus

Envy is terrible. Does awful things. Daniel's peers & **subordinates conspired to find fault. Subtile scheme.**

Appealing to the pride and ego-centered Persian Ruler, Darius.

"Any person praying to any god or human – cast into Lion's Den

He did not see – entrap one of empire's most trusted servants!

DARIUS SIGNED THE DECREE AND IT COULD NOT BE ALTERED.

Love of self – exalted opinion of our own importance causes us to do strange things.

II. JEOPARDY

Those who practice the presence of Christ are not intimidated by ridicule or threats.

Daniel heard edict - - went to the house to pray!! Contempt for efforts to oppose God. **He did continue usual custom of praying 3Xs a day**

King upset that Daniel was in jeopardy and must be imprisoned

Daniel was good worker - served God - trusted effective
ILL. Chick-fil-a will not bend

Darius would have loved to excuse Daniel but couldn't (own trap)

Elvis –“Caught in a trap” - 6:14 “King set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored to the going down of the sun to deliver him.”

III. JUSTIFICATION

King's sleepless night – arose early & hurried to the den. “O Daniel, Servant of the living God, God who is able to deliver you” (v 20)

Taken up out of the den, “No manner of hurt found upon him, because he believed in his God” (v. 26) - Saved from death because of his faithfulness.

--Influence – Darius issued a decree throughout his empire that the God of Daniel “is the living God and steadfast for ever (v.26)

v.28 “So Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius & in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.”

Conclusion: None of us know how great our influence is and how much effect we have on others by the way we live.

LIVE THE SCRIPTURE – INFLUENCE PEOPLE BY WHAT YOU DO & WHAT YOU ARE & WHOSE YOU ARE!