

Daniel Called on the Name of the LORD

Daniel 6

1. Are you known as a **FAITHFUL** person of prayer? (vv. 3-5, 7, 10, 16; *Matthew 5:10, 16; 6:5-8; 1 Peter 3:13-17*)
2. Is it **OBVIOUS** which God you trust and pray to? (vv. 5, 7, 10-11, 20, 23, 26-27; *2 Chronicles 6:19-21, 24-25, 36-40; Jonah 2:4*)
3. What would you be willing to **GIVE UP** for prayer? (vv. 7, 10, 16; *Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18*)



Read Daniel 6. What motivated the presidents and satraps to make the law against praying to anyone but King Darius? Why couldn't they find any wrongdoing to pin on Daniel? How is our life of prayer connected to our obedience to God? Can we live a life of faithful obedience to God without prayer? Why or why not?

For Further Study, Thought, and Discussion

Read Daniel 6 before answering the following questions:

1. In light of 2 Chronicles 6:19-40, why does Daniel pray toward Jerusalem (v. 10)? How is this consistent with the theme of "calling on the Name of the LORD" to fulfill His promises? What do you think Daniel prayed for (in addition, see Daniel 6:10-11 for help)?
2. In this story, Daniel's God is clearly distinguished as different from other gods. Note how many times "his God" is referenced in the chapter. If you were to describe what God is like from Daniel's testimony, what picture would you get? What would you believe about Daniel's relationship to Him? How is this consistent with Jesus' words in Matthew 5:16?
3. How is Daniel's persecution evidence of the truth of 1 Peter 3:13-17? What might that look like for faithful followers of Jesus today in the United States? How should we prepare for that kind of persecution? How did Daniel prepare (v. 10)?
4. If a law were passed prohibiting prayers to Yahweh, communion, or public worship services, what should the Church do? Should we obey the law? Should we continue to meet publicly as long as we have a building? Should we meet privately in homes? Back up your answer with Scripture.