

DANIEL 6
SESSION SIX
IN THE LIONS' DEN
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PART ONE
A VIEW OF DANIEL IN PRAYER

Read Daniel 6:10-16. Consider three ways we can react in an emergency (or urgent situation):

- We can panic. (We do the wrong thing)
- We can become paralyzed. (We do nothing)
- We can pray. Compare Psalm 55:15-18. (We do the power thing)
(For the origin of praying “toward Jerusalem,” see 1 Kings 8:33-35.)

Like Daniel, we want to practice a holy habit long enough that it becomes the old pattern. Also see Philippians 4:6-7.

Walk with God so closely that our old patterns change and begin to react with the Spirit
Default goes to the things of the Spirit instead of the things of the flesh
There's power in the spoken word

PART TWO
A VIEW OF DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

-you do not have the one situation God is not able to change

Read Daniel 6:17-28

vs. 20 – continually = holy habit

vs. 24 – betrayed the king = death to the whole family so no one will seek revenge

remember Session 3 – a)delivered from the fire, b)delivered through the fire, c)delivered by the fire into His arms – here God uses option B again

Consider the wonderful side of life in Babylon and the lions' den

1 Peter 5:8-9 – we live in a lion's den – stab the enemy in the heart with the Word of God

We have opportunities . . .

- To experience gloriously intense encounters with God. Compare 2 Timothy 4:16-18.
Paul was all by himself – God reveals Himself

- To emerge from a terribly hurtful situation unhurt (see v. 22).
vs. 23 - it's a matter of trust - it's not complete healing until we cease to bleed unharmed - Psalm 55
Jeremiah 10:19 - I made this bed therefore I must sleep in it
Jeremiah 30:12, 17

The Aramaic word for "hurt" meant "to ruin . . . to hurt, injure."

See Daniel 2:44 for another very significant translation of the same word.

- To see a worldly Darius become impressed with our God.
Positioned to influence the influential.