



LIVING AMONG LIONS

(IN YOUR PUBLIC LIFE) PART ONE

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR LIONS? DANIEL 6:1-5

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REVIEW

- Chapter 1 – Faith of Daniel who committed not to defile himself
- Chapter 2 – Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of the multi-metallic statue (Future)
- Chapter 3 – Observed the faith and commitment of S. M. & A.
- Chapter 4 – Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great tree (Nebu's salvation story)
- Chapter 5 – "The handwriting on the Wall" and the Destruction of Babylon
- Chapter 6 – The Lions in Daniel's Den (and the Lions in your den)

BACKGROUND ON DANIEL CHAPTER SIX

- A. 10 years have passed between Daniel Chapters 5 and 6.
- B. Darius the Mede (Chapter 5), pronounce "DAR-ee-us" is now replaced by Darius I (Chapter 6), a Persian, who pronounced his name, "Duh-RIGH-us."
- C. With Belshazzar's death (end of Ch. 5) and the ascension of Darius I (Ch.6), we pass from the *gold head* of Nebuchadnezzar's statue to its *silver chest and arms*, with the Medo-Persian Empire. (Babylon is no more!)
- D. This chapter is really about the *two proclamations* by King Darius I.

STUDY SECTION

DANIEL DESPISED • DARIUS RECEIVED (vv. 1-9)

"But Daniel resolved to not defile himself..."

- Daniel 1:8

1. In public, purity should be your goal.

Daniel 6:1–5, NASB95 - ¹ *It seemed good to Darius to appoint 120 satraps [ie., governors, Herodotus said there were only 20 MP Satraps so they had to enlist others to help] over the kingdom, ² and over them three commissioners (of whom Daniel was one), that these satraps might be accountable to them, and that the king might not suffer loss [it was about people—their allegiance and their money]. ³ Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom. ⁴ Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, [lit., trustworthy (NIV); ie., integrity] and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him. ⁵ Then these men said, "We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find it against him with regard [lit., daring to] to the law of his God."*

A. Stand _____—whatever the situation.

"No negligence or corruption in him." - v. 4

B. Stay _____—whatever your age.

"...he possessed an extraordinary spirit." - v. 3

C. Show _____—whatever the job.

"...he was trustworthy in all things" - v. 3 (JBP)

D. Seek _____—whatever the moment.

"We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we [*can pit man's law against*] the law of His God." - v. 5

The purity God demands is impossible unless we can be remade from within, and that is what Jesus Christ undertakes to do in every believer. God's goal for ever child of His is complete surrender to and remaking of His Holy Spirit in them. – Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe

Answers: A. Pure B. Positive, C. Integrity, D. God.