

Daniel 6: Daniel in the Lion's Den

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps (provincial governors) to rule throughout the kingdom, with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

Daniel 6:1-4 (NIV)

(1) Daniel thrived because of his character

(2) Daniel was tested because he didn't hide his faith

So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: "Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

Daniel 6:12 (NIV)

(3) Daniel endured the test of faith

- Daniel kept praying
- Daniel remembered God's past faithfulness
- Daniel's situation appeared to get worse
- God intervenes – at the right time and in the right way

Small Group Questions:

Read Daniel 6.

- (1) In what ways can we be tested because we say we are a Christian? In our families? In our friendships? In our workplace? In our culture?
- (2) Can you reflect on a time when God came through for you after a trial or testing period? Did God take you to the wire?
- (3) Do you really believe that God witnesses to others when you get tested? Explain how this happens. Can you share some examples?
- (4) What might you try to do the next time you feel you are undergoing a trial or testing period because of your faith?