

Surviving Jealousy (Daniel in the Lions' Den)

Daniel 6

- A. The Historical Background. 6:1-3
 - 1. Who was Darius?
 - 2. The countries of Persia (Iran) and Babylon (Iraq)
 - 3. Satraps and Commissioners
 - 4. Jealousy
 - 5. Lesson: Even if we try to love Jesus and help others, some people will still get jealous and mad at us!
 - 6. Lesson: We should remember that Jesus will always take care of us!
- B. The Jealous Plot. 6:4-9
 - 1. Daniel's sterling character. 6:4
 - 2. Religious trap. 6:5
 - 3. Marketing the plot to the king. 6:6-8
 - 4. The king signed the bill into law. 6:9
- C. What would Daniel do? 6:10-11
 - 1. Would he play it safe?
 - 2. Are you afraid to pray in public?
 - 3. Daniel kept praying three times a day even though he knew spies were watching.
- D. What did the Satraps and Commissioners do?
 - 1. They reminded the king of the law he had signed. 6:12
 - 2. Then they ratted on Daniel. 6:13
- E. What did King Darius do? 6:14 He tried to save Daniel.
- F. Then what happened? 6:15-18
 - 1. The law could not be changed. 6:15
 - 2. Daniel was thrown into the lions' den. 6:16
 - 3. The den was covered with a stone and sealed. 6:17
 - 4. That night the king could not sleep. 6:18
- G. Early the next morning 6:19-20
 - 1. The king ran. 6:19
 - 2. The king asked. 6:20
- H. Daniel's reply. 6:21-22
 - 1. Compliment to the king. 6:21
 - 2. God sent His angel! 6:22
 - a. I am innocent before Him.
 - b. I have committed no crime against you.
- I. What did the king do?
 - 1. He was pleased. 6:23
 - 2. He rescued Daniel. 6:23
 - 3. He gave orders to cast the satraps, commissioners and their families into the den. 6:24
- J. The King's Message. 6:25-27
 - 1. Peace! 6:25
 - 2. Fear Daniel's God! 6:26-27
 - a. He is the living, eternal God.
 - b. His kingdom will never end.
 - c. His rule is forever.
 - d. He delivers through signs and wonders.
 - e. He delivered Daniel from the lions' den.
- K. Daniel's success. 6:28
- L. What about you?
 - 1. Would you overcome jealousy with obedience?
 - 2. Would you defy a law forbidding public prayer?
 - 3. Even if you had to go to jail?
 - 4. It is better to obey God than men. Acts 4:19
 - 5. God said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Heb. 13:5
 - 6. Jesus said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matt. 28:20
 - 7. We can say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?"

Dare to be a Daniel!