

FACING THE FUTURE WITH FAITH

I. Introduction:

II. Daniel's Character: (Daniel 6:1-9)

A. Daniel's Position: (Daniel 6:1-3)

It pleased **Darius** to appoint **120 satraps** to rule throughout the kingdom, ² 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. ³ 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.**" Daniel 6:1-3

B. Daniel's Problem: (4-9)

⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that **the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den.** Daniel 6:7

III. Daniel's Choices: (10-11)

¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room **where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.** ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² 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 6:10-11

IV. Daniel's Challenge: (11-17)

¹³ Then they said to the king, “**Daniel**, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. **He still prays three times a day.**” ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.” Daniel 6:13-14

V. Daniel’s Conquest: (18-28)

¹⁸ Then **the king** returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he **could not sleep.**

¹⁹ At the **first light of dawn**, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, **he called to Daniel in an anguished voice**, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ **Daniel answered, “May the king live forever!**” ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.” Daniel 6:18-21

VI. Conclusion and Application: