



THE DEVOTED LIFE OF DANIEL “The Den of Lions” Daniel 6:1-28

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Daniel faced new challenges when the Medes and Persians overthrew the Babylonian regime. But he still showed a “remarkable spirit” even when facing hungry lions!

I. A Remarkable Spirit—Daniel’s Reputation.

- A. A commendation by the queen. 5:12
- B. A confirmation by the king. 6:3
- C. A combination of character and charisma. (“Pneumatika.” 1 Corinthians 12:11)
 - 1. Charisma, a gift of the Spirit. 5:11
 - a. Imparted as the Lord determines...
 - b. ...for the common good.
 - 2. Charisma as a potential problem.
 - a. When exercised for evil ends.
 - b. When unrestrained by character.
 - c. When private morality and public image are dichotomized.
 - 3. Character, an outworking of the Spirit. v. 10
 - a. Character—a matter of devotion—“towards Jerusalem.”
 - b. Character—a matter of discipline—“three times a day.”
 - c. Character—a matter of dependence—“prayed, giving thanks.”
 - d. Character—a matter of decisions.
 - i. At home he chose to continue, undeterred by decree.
 - ii. At work he chose to be “neither corrupt nor negligent.” v. 4

II. A Remarkable Situation—Darius’ Disaster.

- A. An irrational hatred of godliness and goodness. v. 5
- B. An impetuous abuse of power and position. v. 9
- C. An infamous consequence of “law and order.” v. 12
- D. An innocent victim of iniquity and incompetence. v. 22

III. A Remarkable Similarity—Christ’s Resurrection.

- A. Daniel sentenced to death by an unjust procedure.
- B. Daniel delivered from dead by “the living God.” v. 20
- C. Christ sentenced to death although innocent of crime.
- D. Christ delivered from death by the power of God. Romans 8:10-11
- E. Humanity sentenced to death because of sin. Romans 6:23
- F. Humanity raised in Christ to newness of life. Romans 6:4

Point to Ponder: Christ’s defeat of the Lion offers deliverance from the sentence of death.