



## Daniel Chapter 6

In the beginning of Daniel chapter 6 we are introduced to a new ruler, Darius the Mede. This is the third change of kingship for Babylon and Daniel is now in his 80-90's. This is perhaps one of the most well-known stories of the bible so let's ask God the Holy Spirit to give us fresh eyes to see and understand His word.

### QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT

1. Who are the main characters in verses 1-2 and what are their roles?
2. What sort of character did Daniel exhibit in his job?
3. What is the response of the satraps and presidents when King Darius seeks to make Daniel overseer of the whole kingdom? Why do you think they reacted this way? Can you find scripture that supports you?
4. How were these men going to find fault with Daniel according to verse 5? Why were they going after his relationship with God?
5. The plan is quite simple but very effective; how will the satraps and presidents discredit Daniel?
6. Why do you think King Darius signed the ordinance?
7. What does Daniel do upon hearing of the new ordinance in verse 10?

8. Remembering that Daniel is in his 80-90's, what does this tell us about his habits? Being as old as he was, do you think it was easy or difficult for him to maintain his relationship with God?
9. Verses 11-12 tell us what we expected to find—Daniel is discovered breaking the law and his enemies take the evidence to King Darius. Do you think this was a surprise to Daniel? Do you think it was a surprise to King Darius? Was it a surprise to God?
10. Why do you think God allowed it?
11. How is this situation similar to the fiery furnace in chapter 3? How is it different?
12. What is the emotional condition of the King according to verses 14, 18, and 19?
13. Do you think his emotional turmoil speaks to his feelings for Daniel, his recognition of his role in the prejudiced law, or both? Explain.
14. How do you think King Darius' declaration of faith in Daniel's God in verse 16 shows us the effect our lives have on unbelievers?
15. How many times in verses 20-23 is credit given to God for His deliverance of Daniel?
16. Verse 23 ends with "no kind of harm was found on him because he had trusted in his God." Do you think that applies only to the lion's den or perhaps the entire situation?

### **APPLYING THE TEXT**

Do you have established habits in your relationship with God? Are they easy to keep? If not, why do you persist in trying?

Do you have a testimony of God's faithfulness in an "impossible" situation?

How are we to apply God's testimony of His faithfulness to our lives today?