

# A Day In The Life Of Daniel

## Daniel 6:1-28

Daniel in the lion's den is one of the most familiar events in the entire Bible. How should believers respond to the deceptive use of governmental law to persecute God's people? The answers are found in Daniel chapter 6! When the government forbids what God demands or demands what God forbids we must graciously break the law and then trust God with the consequences. Daniel 6:1-28 is one day in the life of Daniel divided into five sections....

### I. A Morning Of D \_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 1-9)

Who was Darius? **There are three possibilities...**

**First**, the l \_\_\_\_\_ view is that Darius did not exist. **This is unacceptable for two reasons....**

**First**, this is historical n \_\_\_\_\_. The Bible is true!

**Second**, 150 years ago there was no e \_\_\_\_\_ for Belshazzar and now there is countless evidence for him.

**Second**, he may have been Ugbaru, the g \_\_\_\_\_, who conquered Babylon.

**Third**, this may be another t \_\_\_\_\_ for Cyrus the Persian. There are several pieces of evidence for this view....

First, it was not uncommon for rulers to have dual t \_\_\_\_\_.

Second, chapter 6 verse 28 can translated, "Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius even in the reign of Cyrus the Persian."

**In verses 3 and 4 persecution came against Daniel for two reasons....**

**First**, j \_\_\_\_\_ over God's blessing.

**Second**, r \_\_\_\_\_ over his integrity.

**You are in the work place for two reasons....**

**First**, to s \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

**Second**, to put your God on d \_\_\_\_\_ for others.

**In verse 7 the law contained two basic stipulations....**

**First**, everyone was forbidden from making any petition to any g \_\_\_\_\_ directly.

**Second**, everyone was forbidden from making any petition to a m \_\_\_\_\_ directly.

**For thirty days there was to be one mediator between God and man- Darius!**

### II. A Noon Of D \_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 10-13)

When governmental laws demand what God forbids or forbid what God demands we are required before God to respectfully, graciously disobey the law in order to obey God and then we must patiently suffer the consequences.

Daniel did not change his routine for two reasons....

First, he wanted to demonstrate his c\_\_\_\_\_ in God.

Second, he practiced spiritual d\_\_\_\_\_.

### III. A Sundown Of D\_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 14-17)

The culture hates Christians for two reasons...

First, it is the nature of fallen people to h\_\_\_\_\_ (Titus 3:3).

Second, the unredeemed hate the r\_\_\_\_\_ ( John 15:18-19, 1 John 3:12).

The message of verses 16 to 18 is that our hope must never be in people but always in God alone! The focus is not on the night spent with the lions. The focus is to show that King Darius- the most powerful person in the world- was completely helpless to deliver Daniel. Do not trust in princes or in people (Psalm 108:12, 118:8-9, Isaiah 2:22, Daniel 6:16, Jonah 2:9, Proverbs 3:5-6).

### IV. A Night Of D\_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 18-23)

### V. A Morning Of D\_\_\_\_\_ (Verses 24-28)

In verses 26-27 three compelling reasons are given for this decree....

First, God is r\_\_\_\_\_. "He is the living God..."

Second, God is e\_\_\_\_\_. "...because He is the living god and enduring forever..."

Third, God is s\_\_\_\_\_. "...and His kingdom is one which not be destroyed and His dominion will not be destroyed forever."

Five lessons....

First, persecution is n\_\_\_\_\_ for the Christian life.

Second, never underestimate the h\_\_\_\_\_ of some toward your faith.

Third, never t\_\_\_\_\_ in people.

Fourth, God always p\_\_\_\_\_ His people.

Fifth, God often uses an army of o\_\_\_\_\_.