

A Memorial to Men of Faith

In every age, there are those who want to hurt us, those who want to save us, and those who make the difference.

Three Foundational Principles

1. No matter how well you do, there will always be those who want to hurt you
Daniel 6:5 “ground of accusation ...we find it against him with regard to the law of his God”
2. No matter how well you do, you will probably have to do it again
(Nebuchadnezzar) Daniel 1:8-9; 2:12-13 a second dream 4:19; (Belshazzar) 5:4-12 writing on the wall
(Darius ...and Cyrus) 6:1-3 the Lion’s den
3. It matters how well you do, because God works through you
Daniel 2:28 “there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries”
4. It matters how well you do, because others are watching you
Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Three Irrefutable Dynamics of Faith

1. There will always be those who want to hurt us

- ◆ They want to hurt us because they hate GOD
John 15:18; John 3:19-20;
- ◆ They want to hurt us because they don’t want us distinguishing ourselves above them
Daniel 6:3 “then Daniel began distinguishing himself... because he had an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom”
- ◆ They want to hurt us even though we have done no wrong
Daniel 6:4 “trying to find a ground of accusation... but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him”
- ◆ They want to hurt us even through deception
Daniel 6:6-7 “Then these commissioners and satraps came by agreement to the king... King Darius live forever... All the commissioners (not Daniel).. have consulted together”

NOTE!! The law of the land never restrains God! Daniel 6:15

2. There will always be those who want to save us

- ◆ There are those in government who want to save us

Daniel 6:14 “as soon as the king heard this statement, he was deeply distressed and set his mind on delivering Daniel”

- ◆ God fearing people know God’s people are right!

Daniel 6:16 “the king spoke and said to Daniel, ‘Your God who you constantly serve will Himself deliver you’”

- ◆ The Lord our God IS ALWAYS our CHAMPION!

Daniel 1:9 “God granted Daniel favor and compassion”

V17 “God gave them knowledge and intelligence... and wisdom”

Daniel 6:33 “My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths... and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God”

- ◆ Those who stand against God’s people will meet a certain impending and terrible fate

Daniel 6:24 “then the king gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them, their children, and their wives into the lions’ den; and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones”

3. There will always be those who will make a difference

- ◆ The world takes notice when you trust in God

Daniel 6:26 “I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; for He is a living God and enduring forever

- ◆ You make a difference because you have a God who saves

Daniel 2:28 “there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries”

- ◆ You are rewarded with God’s favor

Daniel 1:19 “out of them all not one was found like Daniel... so they entered the king’s service”

Daniel 2:19 “the mystery was revealed to Daniel... then Daniel blessed the God of heaven”

Daniel 6:28 “So this Daniel enjoyed success in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.”

You are a testimony to the world that God reigns supreme!

† *Don’t allow anyone to keep you from trusting in God*

† *Keep doing what you know is right and trust God for the results*

† *Support all those who trust and fear in the Lord our God*