

FAITH WHEN
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AGAINST US

DANIEL 6

What Can The Mighty God Do?

A. God's way always bring best results

Daniel 1:8, 15-16, 19

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat.

16 Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse.

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

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B. God's wisdom always bring best answers

Daniel 2:47-48

47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

48 Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.

Daniel 4:9

O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

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C. God's workers will bring about God's will

Daniel 5:25-28

25 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

What Can The Mighty God Do?

D. God's workings make God's servants continue

1. When kings and kingdoms fall

Daniel 6:1-3

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel was first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

3 Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

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D. God's workings make God's servants continue - continued

2. When no one else can

Psalm 7:1

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

Psalm 34:17

The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

I. People Of Faith Are Not Always Popular

Daniel 6:4

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A. The other princes and presidents despised Daniel

B. Serving God has always been costly

Hebrews 11:36-37

36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

I. People Of Faith Are Not Always Popular

C. Jesus warned His disciples of rejection by the world

John 15:19

**If ye were of the world, the world would love his own:
but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen
you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

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D. Christians have suffered for their faith for centuries

John 16:2

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service.

John 16:33

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

2 Timothy 3:12

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

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E. Will your faith hold up under persecution?

1 Peter 3:14-15

14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

II. The Presidents And Princes And Their Plot (6:4-9)

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(continued)**

Philippians 2:14-15

14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

II. The Presidents And Princes And Their Plot (6:4-9)

**B. The only opening for Daniel's enemies was his
righteousness (6:5)**

Daniel 6:5

**Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion
against this Daniel, except we find it against him
concerning the law of his God.**

II. The Presidents And Princes And Their Plot (6:4-9)

C. The infamous decree that sent Daniel to the lion's den (6:6-9)

Daniel 6:6-9

6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

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Daniel 6:6-9 - continued

8 Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

III. Faith Always Finds Help In Prayer (6:10-28)

A. Daniel's response to the king's decree (6:10-11)

Daniel 6:10-11

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

Acts 5:29

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.

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B. Darius sent Daniel to the lion's den (6:16-17)

Daniel 6:16-17

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

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C. God protected Daniel from the hungry lions (6:18-23)

1. The king (and the lions) fasted that night (v 18)

Daniel 6:18

Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

2. The king feared the worst (v 20)

Daniel 6:20

And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

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3. The king found the best (v 21-23)

Daniel 6:21-23

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

III. Faith Always Finds Help In Prayer (6:10-28)

D. Triumph follows trials (6:24-28)

1. God's judgment performed (v 24)

Daniel 6:24

And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

III. Faith Always Finds Help In Prayer (6:10-28)

D. Triumph follows trials (6:24-28) - continued

2. God's glory proclaimed (vv 25-27)

Daniel 6:25-27

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end.

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D. Triumph follows trials (6:24-28) - continued

2. God's glory proclaimed (vv 25-27)

Daniel 6:25-27

27 He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

III. Faith Always Finds Help In Prayer (6:10-28)

D. Triumph follows trials (6:24-28) - continued

3. God's servant prospered (v 28)

Daniel 6:28

So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

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