

DANIEL 6:13-28

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Daniel 6:13

1. How did the envious people poison the water in describing Daniel?

They described him as an exile, but Daniel had been captured in 605 BC. This is now 539 BC or later. Thus Daniel was a captive 66 years earlier. He is probably 80 years old.

How could they have described him?

They could have described him as the third in the kingdom from Belshazzar; chief of the enchanters, a wise man, an interpreter of dreams and of handwriting on the wall, a faultless man. Someone you do not want to kill.

2. What is the sole accusation that they can bring against Daniel? *That he is a prayer warrior.*

Practical Application: *Who is the great accuser? Satan*

Could he accuse you of praying three times a day?

Daniel 6:14:

3. What does the king try to do? *To free Daniel*

4. When troubled, people pray. The saddest line in the movie *Gravity* is Sandra Bullock stating "Nobody taught me to pray."

5. According to verse 7, to whom can the king pray? *Only to himself*

Daniel 6:15

6. Of what do the accusers remind the king? *Law cannot be changed.*

Daniel 6:16

7. We know that Daniel is going to be saved. Did Daniel know that? *No*

8. If Daniel knew that he was going to be saved from the lions, his faith would not be great.

Practical Application: *Are we prepared to live and die for our faith?*

Are we willing to lose our job for our faith?

Daniel 6:17

9. Why is the stone sealed with a signet ring? *The nobles don't trust the king*

10. Give another example of a stone being sealed. *Matthew 27:65-66*

Daniel 6:18

11. "Without any entertainment" - one interpretation is no concubines came to him.

12. Irony: Who slept better? King Darius or Daniel? *Daniel*

Daniel 6:19

13. Who else approached the tomb at the first light of dawn? *The women at the resurrection of Christ*

Daniel 6:20

14. What is wrong with King Darius' question? *The issue is not "Is God able to save?" but does God desire to save.*

15. How is Daniel described in this verse?

a. *"Servant of the living God"*

b. *“Whom you serve continually”*

Practical Application: *Could we be accused of being the servant of the living God? Would our co-workers know that we serve God continually?*

Daniel 6:21

16. How does Daniel address the king? *O King live forever*
17. Daniel could have addressed the king: “You spineless king! You say you are in charge, but you let you yourself be bossed around by unscrupulous nobles. Why don’t you rely on wise counselors? Why can’t you think ahead and see traps? You gutless wonder. You imbecile.”

Practical Application: *How we address people is a testament of our Christianity.*

Practical Application: *What is providence?*

How does providence give us comfort?

Daniel 6:22 My God sent His angel

18. Psalm 34:7
19. Psalm 91:11-13
20. Hebrews 1:14
21. Where is this story referenced in the New Testament? *Hebrews 11:33*
Practical Application: *Read Hebrews 11:35b-38. Will God always rescue us?*
22. What is the proof of Daniel’s innocence? *“They have not hurt me.”*
23. Why does Daniel add “Nor have I done anything wrong before you, O King.”?

Daniel 6:23

24. What is the proof of Daniel’s innocence? *No wound was found on him*

Daniel 6:24

25. If the men were guilty, why were the wives and the children also thrown into the lion’s den? Is God an unjust God?
26. Exodus 20:5/Deuteronomy 5:9
27. Exodus 34:6-7
28. Numbers 14:18
29. Ezekiel 18:19-20
30. Joshua 6:22-25
31. Joshua 7:24

Practical Application: *Men, as heads of the household, your actions affect your family. Be careful how you act.*

Women, be careful whom you marry, and as a help-mate, help your husbands make wise decisions.

Daniel 6:25 All the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land.

Practical Application: *How is our evangelism?*

Daniel 6:26 His kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end.

Practical Application: *Do we really believe this? If so, how does this affect the way we live?*

Daniel 6:27 He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders.

32. John 2:11