

# Daniel 6:1-28

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. . . he is able to deliver  
the faithful

# “Because GOD is Bigger...”

## Studies in Daniel

**Text:** (Daniel 6:1-28)

*Big Idea:* God is faithful to those who are faithful to Him.

*Outline:*

- I. Set-up (6:1-3)
- II. Darius orders prayer only to himself (6:4-9)
- III. Daniel faithfully prays to God (6:10-18)
- IV. God delivers faithful Daniel (6:19-24)
- V. Darius praises God (6:25-27)
- VI. Aftermath (6:28)

*Highlights*

Daniel 3	Daniel 6
Background: king’s action of building image (3:1)	Background: king’s action of promoting Daniel (6:1-3)
Command to leaders to worship image (3:2-7) * Includes satraps, prefects, governors, counselors and “all the officials” * Involves law with death penalty	Reaction of leaders to ensnare Daniel (6:4-9) * Includes satraps, presidents, prefects, counselors and governors * Involves law with death penalty
Leaders inform king of transgressors (3:8-12) * Men willfully, knowingly broke man’s law to obey God’s law	Leaders inform king of transgressor (6:10-13) * Daniel willfully, knowingly broke man’s law to obey God’s law
King reacts with rage (3:13-15)	King reacts with distress (6:14-15)
King sentences men to death (3:16-18) * Men speak of their faithfulness	King sentences man to death (6:16a, c) * King speaks of Daniel’s faithfulness
Men thrown into certain death (3:19-23)	Daniel thrown into certain death (6:16b, 17-18)
King witnesses God’s deliverance of the men (3:24-27) * King “rose up in haste” * King speaks to men * King sees they were not “harmed”	King witnesses God’s deliverance of Daniel (6:19-24) * King “arose and went in haste” * King speaks to Daniel * King sees “no kind of harm” done to Daniel
King offers “decree” honoring God (3:28-29) * “God...delivered his servants”	King offers “decree” honoring God (6:25-27) * “he who has saved Daniel”
Men promoted (3:30)	Daniel prospered (6:28)

A. Set-up (6:1-3)

B. Darius orders prayer for himself (6:4-9)

C. Daniel faithfully prays to God (6:10-18)

D. God delivers faithful Daniel (6:19-24)

E. Darius praises God (6:25-27)

F. Aftermath (6:28)

Lessons

⬆️ Faithfulness of God

⬆️ Faithfulness to God

⬆️ Animosity of the world

⬆️ Priority of prayer



## Looking Within

*This section contains some questions that might arise from this study to help me personally examine and apply the principles that I have learned from this lesson.*

1. Have you ever found that when you begin to excel, other people look for ways to hold you back and/or tear you down? How should you deal with those who would cheer at your downfall or even try to hasten it?
2. How comfortable are you about praying in public versus praying in private?
3. Are there times where you would prefer to close the windows, draw the curtains, and pray to God in secret?
4. How would others (spouse, children, friends) describe your prayer life?
5. Has there been a time when you thought that God has not been faithful to you in your life? Looking back, who was truly being unfaithful: you or God?
6. What are some ways faithfulness to God is seen in your life? What are areas in which you can grow stronger?



## Digging Deeper

*Need to know more about what you've just learned? Below are some verses to help you explore what scripture has to say about these topics, events and people.*

### Examples of how God delivers

- Noah and flood (Genesis 6-9)
- Plagues and exodus (Exodus 6-12)
- Jonah (2 Chronicles 32)
- Paul in jail (Acts 16:16-40)

### God's promises to believers

- His Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- Eternal Life (John 10:27-30)
- Abiding presence (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)
- Wisdom (James 1:5-8)

### Scriptural Prayers

- Ezra 9:5-15
- Nehemiah 9:5-37
- John 17



## **Additional Resources**

*For those desiring more information below are some optional resources that would be beneficial.*

### 1. Websites:

A 108-question online quiz on Daniel Chapter 6!

[http://www.guidedbiblestudies.com/focus/27\\_006f.htm](http://www.guidedbiblestudies.com/focus/27_006f.htm)

Promises for Believers:

<http://www.middletonbiblechurch.org/christia/prom4bel.htm>

### 2. Books:

Survey of the theories of the identity of Darius the Mede: Dillard and Longman, *An Introduction to the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan), pp. 334-337.