

Outline – June 25, 2023
Daniel 6:3-17, 22-23
The Elements Of Relationship

Daniel: An Example Of Relationship With God
Decision Moments, Decision Events
Are Turning Points In Life

- I. The importance of these moments**
 - A. They determine the trajectory of our life
 - B. They are the narrative of our legacy
 - C. Our relationship with one another
 - D. Our relationship with God is based on these moments
- II. Daniel's story**
 - A. King Nebuchadnezzar attacks Jerusalem in 605 B.C.
 - 1. Destroys the temple
 - 2. Take Israelites into exile
 - 3. Daniel and his friends are among the exiles
 - B. Daniel is to serve in the King's court
 - 1. To be deprogrammed about faith, beliefs, diet
 - C. Daniel stays true to God
 - D. Daniel then interprets a prophetic dream concerning future empires
 - E. Daniel's friends face persecution and told to worship idols
 - F. Daniel predicts end time events
 - 1. Jesus references Daniel
 - 2. John uses Daniel's writing
 - G. Daniel predicts with mathematician accuracy coming of Messiah
 - 1. The Magi use this to determine when to leave the to honor Messiah

This is what makes Daniel a hero of faith
- III. The person of Daniel**
 - A. His practice
 - 1. Prayer
 - 2. Praise
 - 3. Worship
 - B. The plot (to destroy him)
 - 1. Set him up
 - 2. Shut him down
 - 3. Use his faith and beliefs against him
 - 4. He is "offending," he is placing God over government
 - C. The prayer/position of Daniel

1. No compromise
 2. Not going to conform
 3. Not going to coward down
 4. Daily acts of faithfulness determines your life of faithfulness
- D. The prosecution of Daniel
1. Came against him and his faith
 2. They trapped him
- E. The protection of Daniel
1. God delivered
 2. God brought revenge
 3. God was exalted
- IV. How does one have that kind of relationship?**
- A. Devotion
1. Seek Him with your whole heart
 2. Seek first His Kingdom
 3. When devotion is strong, you can enter the lion's den
- B. Delight in His presence
1. We delight in other areas
 2. His love is greater than life
 3. Enjoy His presence
 4. Don't let sin get in the way
- C. Dependence (I need you God)
1. Beware of pride
 2. Beware of arrogance
- D. Decide to follow
- E. Determine in advance
- F. Declare who Jesus is
1. He is my Savior
 2. He is my King
 3. Heaven is my home
- G. Defend the faith
1. Know why you believe
 2. Share why you believe

**Watch Him Bring Hope,
Blessing Into Your Life
As You Enjoy A
Relationship With Him**