



Introduction: How do you spell, _____? And what does _____ look like in your Christian life?

Adversity may come in two forms:

Are we being _____ when we face adversity from people? Are we _____ when we know Satan is attacking us?

1 Peter 5:8, *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

If there ever was a time in the history of the world where we needed _____ Christians, now is the time. We need BOLD Christians for many things, allow me to name a few:

The word "**BOLD**" means "_____".

The Character Of Daniel

- I. Daniel was Distinguished - 6:3
- II. Daniel was Faithful - 6:4

- III. Daniel was Bold - 6:10-17
- IV. Daniel was Trusting - 6:22-23
- V. Daniel was Prosperous - 6:28

The Content Of Daniel 6

- I. Daniel and Darius - 6:1-3
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- VI. Daniel and People - 6:24-27
- VII. Daniel and Persia - 6:28

Now let's take a look through this sixth chapter.

Remember our goal is to _____ from the text – the text is our message. In this passage of scripture we shall be learning a great deal about _____. We are going to take a look at the **BOLDNESS** in the life of Daniel. One other thought before we move on.

I. Daniel and _____ – 6:1-3

¹ It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; ² and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. ³ Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because

an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

In our text we come face to face with... (Daniel 5:16,29).

In these three verses we notice that Darius had placed...

These three governors were to make sure that the...

Verse 3, Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, thought to setting him over the whole realm.

Here we have the _____ of Daniel.

II. Daniel and _____ – 6:4-9

⁴ *So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.*

⁵ *Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."* ⁶ *So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."*

⁹ *Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.*

In verse 4 we see Daniel is under attack, *So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom;*

If you haven't picked up on the tone of this verse...

Perhaps they thought that Daniel was just like them and that he too would _____ from the king's treasury.

Think this through -

How many people have we read about in recent times that have lost everything because they were found _____?

Through those three _____ day worldly examples we can clearly see why it is so important to be found faithful.

Take a look at verse 5, *Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God. "*

In verses 6-9 deal with the _____ scheme of Daniel's contemporaries.

What we discover here is that they pull the _____ over the eyes of the King. Verse 7 tells us about the tool they introduced to the king: ⁷ *All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whosoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. "*

King Darius liked what he heard so much that he didn't give much thought to the end results, so he signed it into law right away.

The very end of verse 8 tells us something about the _____ of the Medes and the Persians, *Now O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed according to the law of the Medes and Persians which does not alter.* "

Once king Darius signed something into law it could not be _____.

Take a look again at verse 9, *Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.*

III. Daniel and _____ – 6:10-11

¹⁰ *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.* ¹¹ *Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.*

We are now entering the section that deals with the _____ of Daniel. After Daniel knew what had been done, he continued his _____ of Jehovah as usual, he didn't add to his worship, nor did he take away from his worship. Daniel was not a compromiser in the area of his daily spiritual life.

In verse 10 we find Daniel meeting with God through prayer. We read, *And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*

It was the practice of the Jews to pray...

By the way in _____ is a posture we often find in the Bible for praying.

Next we read in verse 11, *Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.*

BOLDNESS always has strong _____ behind it, or its not **BOLDNESS** at all. Such is case and point before us in the spiritual life of Daniel.

IV. Daniel and _____ – 6:12-18

¹² And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

¹³ So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." ¹⁴ And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁵ Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed." ¹⁶ So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you." ¹⁷ Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel

might not be changed. ¹⁸ Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

Within minutes after Daniel's companions found him praying in his home they rushed off and _____ him to king Darius.

We read in verse 14, And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

We are told that Darius set his heart on _____ Daniel unto the going down of the sun.

Verse 15, Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

The king slowly gave the _____ that Daniel be cast into the den of lions, and as all of this was taking place the king says to Daniel in verse 16, *Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."*

After Daniel was lowered into the den of lions the king put his _____ seal upon the stone that covered the mouth of the entrance - this was a sign that the purpose could not be changed.

Was this the end of Daniel?

Have you ever given much thought to what Daniel _____ down there in the den of lions?

In verses 17- 18 we read, *Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed. Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.*

In *The Prophetic Statesman* (p. 206) we read of what may have taken place,

V. Daniel and _____ – 6:19-23

¹⁹ *Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.* ²⁰ *And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?”* ²¹ *Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever!* ²² *My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”* ²³ *Now the king was 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 injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.*

Early the next day...

In verse 22, *My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.*

As we move on, we notice that the king was very _____ that Daniel was not harmed. Notice why in the very last part of verse 23, *because he believed in his God.*

What we have here is **active faith**.

The Bible tells us,

BOLDNESS in the Christian life must issue forth from these two ingredients - _____ **and** _____.

VI. Daniel and _____ – 6:24-27

²⁴ And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den. ²⁵ Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁶ I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end. ²⁷ He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Daniel's life always _____ the people whom he was around, and such is case and point before us. Daniel's faith was a challenge to Darius.

Finally, we see that Daniel's _____ made such an impact on Darius that he issued another decree to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth.

Darius spoke forth in the form of a decree in verses 25- 27, *Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end. He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.*

VII. Daniel and _____ – 6:28

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

Daniel prospered because he was _____ minded. He always put the Lord first in everything he did. No matter where we look in this book of twelve (12) chapters, we see nothing but Daniel the _____ of the Lord, the servant of people.

Daniel _____ in everything he did, because the Lord's hand was upon him.

Conclusion: The Text is the _____ It has been a message about being BOLD in the midst of adversity. I may not know what you are facing today, but God does. Remain faithful in whatever adversity you might be facing. God will see you through it.

Christians can _____ a great deal from Daniel. Seek to distinguish yourself above others – be different, even in old age.

Christians must remain _____ in all areas of their lives – work and faith, both are sacred before God.

Christians need to stay _____ to their convictions – be willing to die for what you truly believe.

Christians must _____ God when it comes to promotions or prosperity. Both comes from God.