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DANIEL 1, 2, 4, 5, 6

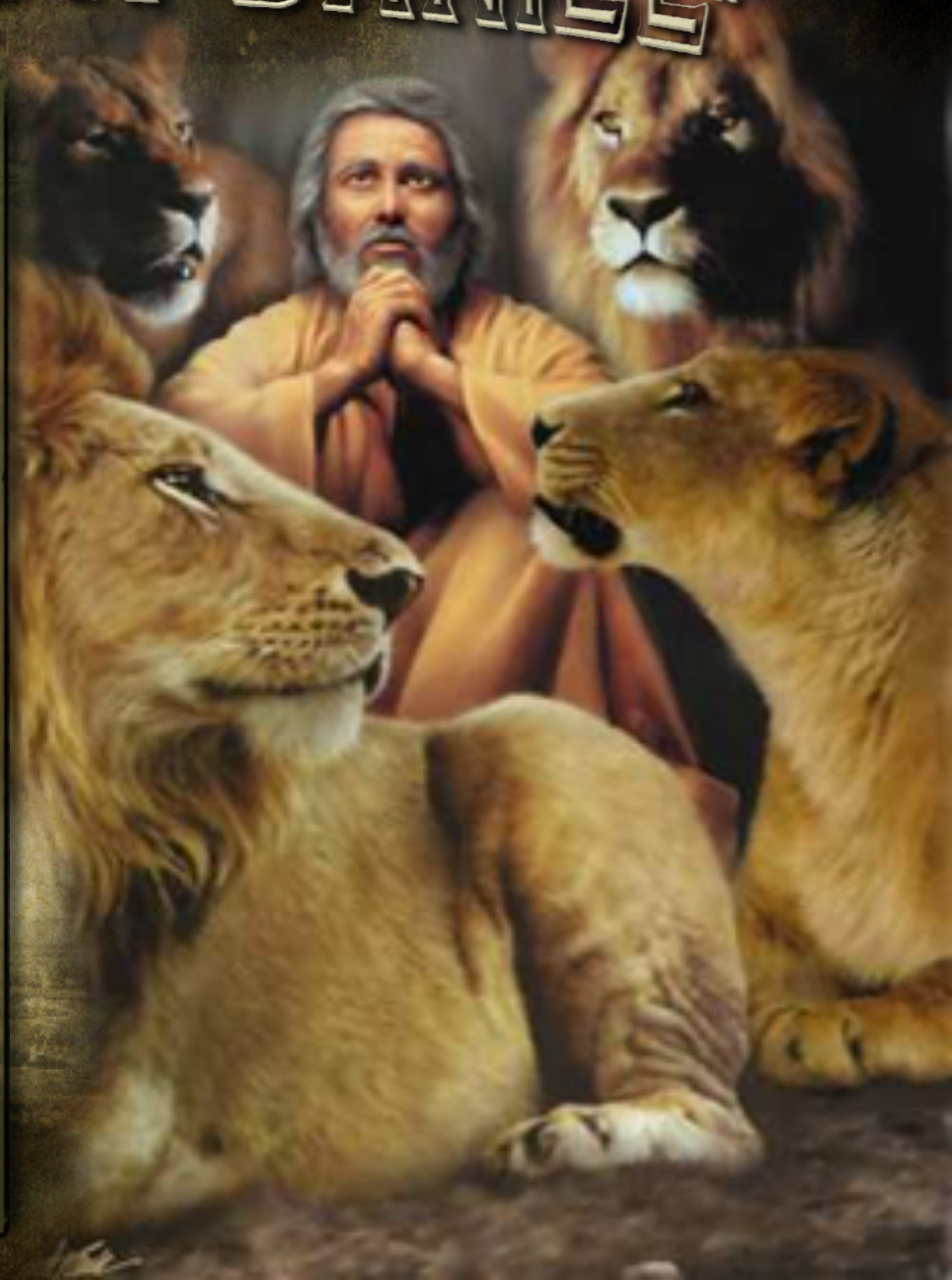
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Daniel 1:8 (NKJV)

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

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- ❖ Yet he was polite & humble - Dan 1:8b, 12
- ❖ Trusted in God's way - Dan 1:9-16
- ❖ Through persistence - Dan 1:10-11;
- ❖ With the help of others - Dan 1:13; Eccl 4:12

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The Value Of Such Purpose
& Faith Seen In The Results

- God blessed Daniel and his friends! - Dan 1:17-20
- It affected the lives of others! - Dan 1:15-16; ch 3
- Daniel continued in the court seventy years! - Dan 1:21
- Laid a foundation for the future - 5:11,12; 6:3-5,10

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We Should Be A People of Purpose!



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- ❖ Not to be defiled by things of the world! – 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; 1 Pet 1:13-21; Heb 12:15; Jude 1:23
- ❖ To seek the kingdom of God & His Righteousness! – Mat 6:33
- ❖ To be spiritually minded – Rom 8:6-8; 12:1,2; Col. 3:1,2;
- ❖ Without being abrasive – 2 Tim 2:23,24; Tit 3:2

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Daniel Was A Man of Persistence



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Daniel's prayer to God for
revelation of
Nebuchadnezzar's Dream that
his life be spared - 2:16-23



Daniel's loyalty to the truth
even though his message to
the kings could provoke their
wrath - 4:8,9,18-26; 5:10-29



His persistence in serving
God was such that even his
enemies could depend on His
faithfulness to God - 6:5,10

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Continuance in depending
upon God in times of trouble
- Rom 8:28,31; 2 Cor
4:16-18; 12:7-10



Being persistent in speaking
& living the truth - EVEN if it
may cause us temporal harm
& pain - Eph 4:15; Mat
5:13-16; Phil 2:14-18; 1 Pet
3:13-17; 4:12-19



How consistent are we in
living for God?

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6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. ... 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.



Refused to eat the king's meat or drink his wine - Dan 1:8



Refused the gifts of Belshazzar & boldly spoke of the king's sin & his doom - Dan 5:13-17



Refused to obey the decree of Darius knowing the threats against him - Dan 6:10

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- ❖ Daniel was hated by his enemies - Dan 6:3-5
- ❖ Daniel's uncompromising spirit was used against him - Dan 6:5-13
- ❖ In the end - Daniel's uncompromising spirit brought him respect - Dan 6:14-28

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We Must Refuse To Compromise Our Convictions...

- ❖ Moral purity – Gen 39:9-12; 1 Co 6:18; Eph. 5:1-12; Rom 14:23; Ps 15:1-5
- ❖ Doctrinal soundness – 1 Tim 4:16; 6:3; 2 Tim 1:13; Titus 2:6-10; 2 John 1:9
- ❖ Scriptural worship – Jn 4:24; Eph 5:19
- ❖ Serving the Lord – Col 3:17; Rom 12:11; Mat 6:33; Heb 10:24,25
- ❖ Even if we suffer for it - 1 Peter 4:12-19

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We Must Refuse To Compromise Our Convictions...

- ❖ Many may ridicule you - but inwardly they wish they had the same intestinal fortitude!!
- ❖ And when they need someone that can be trusted, and depended upon to carry through with an assigned task, who do you think they will turn to?

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He knew that praying to God could cost him his life!
6:10; Acts 4:17-19; 5:29



He prayed according to the scriptures! - 1 Kings 8:30,38,44,48-50;



His prayers demonstrated humility - 1 Kings 8:54; Psalm 95:6; Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 20:36; 21:5; Ephes. 3:14

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- ❖ He prayed regularly – 6:13; Ps 55:17; 86:3
- ❖ Included thanksgiving - 2:23; Phil 4:6; Col 3:17; 1 Thes 5:17-18; Heb 13:15
- ❖ “His custom since early days” – 2:17,18; Ecc 12:1
- ❖ He sought God’s help – Dan 6:11; Psa 119:170; Eph 6:18

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- ❖ Even when not convenient – Rom 8:26;
- ❖ According to His will – Mt 6:5-15;
1 John 5:14
- ❖ With humility – Luke 18:13
- ❖ Regularly – Luke 18:1; 1 Thes. 5:17
- ❖ With thanksgiving - Phil. 4:6; Col. 3:17;
1 Thes. 5:17-18; Heb 13:15
- ❖ A custom! – Rom 12:12; Col. 4:2
- ❖ Seeking God's help – Phi 4:6; Eph 6:18

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❖ Why We May NOT Pray As We Should

- Too busy - (cf., Luke 8:14).
- Have sin in our lives - (Psalms 66:18; Proverbs 28:9; 1 Peter 3:12; 1 John 3:22).
- May think praying in worship service enough - (Acts 4:23-31; Mat 6:6; Rom 12:12; Col 4:2; Luke 18:1; 1 Thes 5:17).
- May reason God knows all our needs - (Mat 6:7, 8, 31, 32; Heb 4:13; but - Phil 4:6; Col 4:2; Eph 5:20; 1 Tim 4:4).
- We lack faith - Luke 18:2-8; 1 Peter 5:7

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himself - so can
we!

Daniel - was
persistent in
his service to
God - so can
we!

Daniel - refused
to compromise
regardless of
consequences -
so can we!

Daniel had
complete &
continual trust
in God - so can
we!

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More is needed than just "PURPOSE" - we must act on doing what we know we should do - what we intend to do!

We all can be people of "PURPOSE / PERSISTENCE / PRINCIPLE & PRAYER" - - - The question is - ARE WE?

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DANIEL 10:1, 10-12 (NKJV)

¹ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision. ... ¹

DANIEL 10:1, 10-12 (NKJV)

⁰ Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. ¹¹ And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

DANIEL 10:1, 10-12 (NKJV)

¹² Then he said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words.