

## “The Lion’s Den”

### Daniel 6

**Theme:** *Sometimes godly diligence can lead to persecution from the envious.*

#### I. The entrapment from the enemy.

##### A. What were the positive attributes of Daniel that made him enemies?

**Daniel 6:3–4** — <sup>3</sup> *Then this Daniel began distinguishing himself among the commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.* <sup>4</sup> *Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.”*

1. How should Christian stand out from the world? – **Ephesians 6:5–8**

##### B. What trap did Daniel’s enemies make against him?

**Daniel 6:7** — *“All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions’ den.”*

1. They used the legislative process of the government to hurt Daniel.
2. How could godless rulers in the same way hurt believers today?

#### II. Choosing between the laws of men and Law of God:

**Daniel 6:10** — <sup>10</sup> *Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.”*

##### A. What three things did He continue to do? \_\_\_\_\_

##### B. Which of God’s laws was Daniel placing above the King’s? \_\_\_\_\_

1. Law of God’s exclusivity in worship - **Exodus 20:3–5**
2. Law of loving God supremely - **Deuteronomy 6:5**
3. What kind of things in daily life compete for our supreme love?

##### C. Lessons:

1. About the enemies observance of our activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 6:13** - *“Then they answered and spoke before the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the injunction which you signed, but keeps making his petition three times a day.”*

2. About allies that God could raise up: \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 6:16** — *“Then the king gave orders, and Daniel was brought in and cast into the lions’ den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, “Your God whom you constantly serve will Himself deliver you.””*