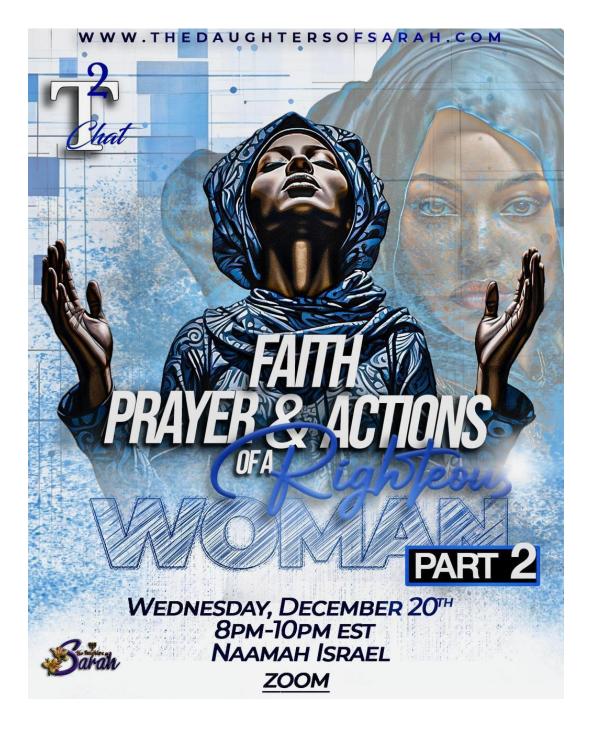


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## Deep dive into Daniel Chapter 6

## Is it easier to have faith when everything is going good? Or when everything is going bad?

It's always good to have faith, but the Most High will test us to see how we'll act in the trial. I like to look at the old generations to see how they were tested and how they acted and behaved. We should fashion ourselves after them because they were notable examples.

We need to make sure that when we go through tribulations we seek the Most High and we cleave unto him.

Leviticus 26:1 Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD your God.

• The Most high commands us to not bow down to idols or worship idols. God tells us to not follow the other nations, which includes following after their idols and worshipping them.

**Exodus 34:14** For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God:

- God commands us to not worship any other gods. No Buddha, no Allah, No White Jesus etc.
- God tells us his name is jealous. So don't play around with Christmas and Thanksgiving serving these other idols. Be careful how you walk in this truth. Don't love your children or put anything over the Most High

**Daniel 6:1** It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom;

V2 And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage.

**V3** Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes because an excellent spirit *was* in him, and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

V4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom, but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

V5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God.

V6 Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.



V7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

**V8** Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

**V9** Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

**V10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

V11 Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

**V12** Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask *a petition* of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, 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 altereth not.

**V13** Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day

V14 Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

**V15** Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

**V16** Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

V17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

**V18** Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him."

- Darius was the King at the time and set 120 leaders over the kingdom.
- Out of those three presidents he made Daniel in charge. The Most High showed favor to Daniel making him second in command because he had an excellent spirit.



- I want you all to highlight that he had an excellent spirit in him. Remember this class is titled faith, prayer, and acts of righteousness. For him to have a reputation for having an excellent spirit you have to ask yourself what kind of reputation you have in Israel.
- All this matters because if you need things from the Most High whether you get sick, your children or you need money should he help you? Do you have an excellent spirit? Or a messy spirit?

## Sirach 2:10

• The Most High says to look at the generations of old and see if he did not help when they called upon him. Or when they feared him did he leave them hanging?

**Bel and the dragon 1:29** So they came to the king, and said, Deliver us Daniel, or else we will destroy thee and thine house.

**V30** Now when the king saw that they pressed him sore, being constrained, he delivered Daniel unto them:

V31 Who cast him into the lions' den: where he was six days.

**V32** And in the den there were seven lions, and they had given them every day two carcases, and two sheep: which then were not given to them, to the intent they might devour Daniel.

- At verse 18 in the book of Daniel read what exactly happens to Daniel in the lion's den in Bel and The dragon chapter 1 verse 29.
- The people rose up against the King to deliver Daniel or they would destroy Darius the King.
- They left Daniel in the den for 6 days with starving animals. They threw him in there because he would become the meal. This came about all because of jealousy.

What do you think Daniel was doing in the den? Praying. You better be praying, and you better have a history of praying. In your trials you better be praying and before your trials start you should be praying. So when your trials come you have a relationship with The most high.

How many people like when others come to you only when you want something? So when God saw that Daniel had a relationship with him in keeping the commandments and praying to him we see how God deals with him.

**V33** Now there was in Jewry a prophet, called Habbacuc, who had made pottage, and had broken bread in a bowl, and was going into the field, for to bring it to the reapers

**V34** But the angel of the Lord said unto Habbacuc, Go, carry the dinner that thou hast into Babylon unto Daniel, who is in the lions' den.

V35 And Habbacuc said, Lord, I never saw Babylon; neither do I know where the den is.



**V36** Then the angel of the Lord took him by the crown, and bare him by the hair of his head, and through the vehemency of his spirit set him in Babylon over the den.

- God sent an angel to Habbacuc in another city who was making food to send it to Daniel to make sure he ate while in the lion's den.
- If we have good works, a good reputation, and alms and we keep the commandments and continue to pray God will show up for us. But if we don't do these things and we're mean he will not show up for us.
- Obviously, Daniel had great faith as well. He prayed 3 times a day even while threatened and, in the lion den he never lost faith in prayer.
- God blesses us every day and supplies us with what we need. You may think your wit or education gets you a job, or when a sister helps you with a trial, shows charity, and brings you food it is not because of you, but it is because of God. We have to have faith that when we believe in him he will take care of us, it is not God's reputation to not show up for us.

V37 And Habbacuc cried, saying, O Daniel, Daniel, take the dinner which God hath sent thee.

**V38** And Daniel said Thou hast remembered me, O God: neither hast thou forsaken them that seek thee and love thee.

**1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

• What's love? Because Daniel did not forsake his law God showed up for Daniel.

**Bel and the dragon 1:39** So Daniel arose and did eat: and the angel of the Lord set Habbacuc in his own place again immediately.

God showed up to give Daniel what he needed while he was in his trial. Remember in Susanna it says she was righteous from her youth up. Esther was raised in law she was keeping his commandments. These are the people that God helps.

**V40** Upon the seventh day the king went to bewail Daniel: and when he came to the den, he looked in, and behold, Daniel was sitting.

**Daniel 6:20** And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

- You cannot serve God one week and not the next week, or one day and not the other. It says continually.
- Serving is keeping ALL Gods commandments.

V21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.



**V22** My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

- You can pray all you want and say you have faith. But if you don't have acts of righteousness how are you going to get help?
- If you don't have application, and your Husband is turning up you can't render evil for evil. Or a sister at the school is getting on your nerves, you can't start cursing her out. It says to remain blameless. That's how you get God's help.
- Are you moving like that in this truth? As if you've done nothing wrong so when your trials come God can help you.

**V23** Then was the king exceeding 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 manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

## What does it mean to believe in your God?

Sirach 32:24 He that believeth in the Lord taketh heed to the commandment; and he that trusteth in him shall fare never the worse.

• If you believe you will keep the commandments. No arguing, no hatred, no striving or rendering evil for evil with one another. You can't fast and pray, have faith, and have no works, or works sometimes. If you hate a sister and mistreat her, you don't believe!

**1 John 3:15** Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

• If you hate any sister or brother you are a murderer. And if you're a murderer you're not getting the kingdom. Pray for you enemies, those that persecute you, and let your light shine in the room., God commands us to do so.

**V24** And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

• When the king let Daniel out he was furious at the accusers and instead put them and their family in the den instead.

What's the law regarding when someone does evil to someone else? Or tries to set them up?

**Proverbs 26:27** Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

• If you try and set someone up. The Lord said, he will get them. He will make sure those that purposefully try to harm you God will deal with them accordingly.

To women who like to be evil and messy; you better fall back. This is not the world; we are in the truth this is a new day. God commands us to love one another.



**V25** Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you.

**V26** I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast forever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end.

• The king decided after he saw that God protected Daniel in the lion's den that the whole kingdom from now on will follow God.

Deep Dive into Daniel Chapter 3

**Daniel 3:1** Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.

V2 Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

• As you see the other nations always want to set up their Gods, Either a statue or another person. God says you better not follow them.

**V3** Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

V4 Then an herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages,

**V5** *That* at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

V6 And whose falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

• If you don't serve that golden image publicly he was going to throw you into a furnace. Do you know how hot fire is? Especially fire in a furnace.

V7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

**V8** Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.



The jews were Shadrach Meshach and Abednego. The Chaldeans saw that they did not bow down. Imagine the whole city is bowing and you see them standing straight up.

• Why do you think they did not bow down? Because we are commanded to not bow down to any graven images/idols. They were not doing it for vain glory or to be rude. They were trying to keep God's commandments.

V9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever.

**V10** Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:

• The Chaldeans honored the King and told him that 3 men did not fall and worship you. They reminded the King of his decree that they should be thrown in a fiery furnace.

V11 And whose falleth not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

**V12** There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

**V13** Then Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

**V14** Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, *Is it* true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?

**V15** Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

V16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter.

• They answered the King straightly and said we are not bowing down to any idols. We serve God and he commands us not to serve no idols. Our forefathers stood stiffly for the word. Some sisters don't stand stiffly. Any evil happens and they do it back. You can't be throwing punches at your Husband and disrespecting him with police lights outside of the house.

**V17** If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king.

**V18** But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.



- We have to look at the old generations and see how did they stand when tribulations came. When some sisters get sick they fall apart and cry that God won't help them. You better pray to your God, fast and keep the commandments to your best ability until the day you die. God can make that sickness as if it weren't even there. But are you standing stiffly for him?
- Scriptures say blessed are the peacemakers. You have to make peace because there isn't any peace. You and your husband may want children but can't conceive, and arguments arise. You are not standing stiffly if you can't be quiet.
- There is a lust in you when you can't walk away from sisters who treat you wrong. A lust that you want to be evil and nasty and fight back.

**V19** Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

**V20** And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace.

**V21** Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

• Remember what god says in Sirach 2. These men had great faith and trusted in God. They had great acts of faith, and acts of righteousness when they stood stiffly for the Lord and went against those that try and get them to serve other gods.

**V22** Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

• God let the flames come out and burn the men who took Shadrach Meshach and Abednego.

**V23** And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Song of the three holy children 1 And they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord.

- This is a continuation from verse 23 in Daniel that tells us what the 3 men did once they were put in the furnace.
- In your sickness, your marriage, in your tribulations in the church, your work, and in the midst of God you have to praise God anyway. It's easy to praise him when things are good, but are you still doing it when things are stressful? You have to praise him anyway.

V2 Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

Do you pray in your trial? Or do you call other sisters and murmur? If you call your counselor of thousand that's different. But if you're venting to talk about your sisters or husband you're not



standing stiffly for the Lord. And to sisters that listen to that murmur and backbiting you're evil too. Tell sisters to not call you with that foolishness.

**V3** Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:

V4 For thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right, and all thy judgments truth.

• They said to God that what is being done to them is fair. They are not complaining to God about their trial. If you curse God during your trial, you have the devil on you.

V5 In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.

V6 For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee.

They are not playing dumb. They are acknowledging that they have sinned.

V7 In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us.

• Do you notice the difference in a humble spirit? It's different. You start confessing everything you deal with in your heart. These are the people who will get the kingdom. Not the arrogant. We need to repent daily and tell God the truth. That's what it means to stand stiffly. Not to act dumb like we don't do anything.

**V8** Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and everything that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment.

**V9** And thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world.

V10 And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants; and to them that worship thee.

V11 Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name's sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant:

• They're asking God to not forget the covenant made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But to forgive them for their sins, that they be remembered and not cast away.

V12 And cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham's sake, for thy servant Issac's sake, and for thy holy Israel's sake;

V13 To whom thou hast spoken and promised, that thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore.

• They are reminding God that they are the seed and to not give up on them but to show pity on their lives and to be forgiven for their wrongdoings.



V14 For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins

V15 Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy.

V16 Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted.

V17 Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, and grant that we may wholly go after thee: for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee.

V18 And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.

V25 And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

**V26** But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame of the fire out of the oven;

• The angel of the Lord was Christ. He pushed the fire and kept it off of them while it was blazing. Can you imagine standing in a fire and you're not burning?

V27 And made the midst of the furnace as it had been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

**V28** Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the furnace, saying,

**Daniel 3:24** Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.

• The king stands up looking into the fire astonished because he was sure he put three men in the fire and he's see's four instead.

**V25** He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

• You can be going through something and all of a sudden God sets you up with help. But we have to stand stiffly for the Lord.

**V26** Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.

V27 And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.



• He's calling them out the fire because he can't believe they're alive in the fire. It's because they have faith, prayer and acts of righteousness. They believe. Faith comes by hearing. That's why God says look at the generations of old, did he ever mistreat those that believe in him?

**V28** *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

**V29** Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.

V30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

• I hope you learned tonight that you have to have faith, you have to pray, and you have to have acts of righteousness and then God can help you when you pray.

Shalom, Most High and Christ Bless