

Daniel in the Lions' Den
(Daniel 6:1-28)

I. Introduction:

- A. The **problem**: Darius the Mede
- B. The **possibilities**:
- **Cyrus** (Daniel 6:28)
 - **Ugbaru** of Gutium – The invading general
 - Ugbaru conquered and **Gubaru** reigned
 - **Cambyses** (Cyrus' son)

II. Exposition: Daniel in the Lions' Den (6:1-28)

- A. Daniel's **position** before the king (6:1-3)
1. 120 satraps (v. 1)
 2. 3 Commissioners (v. 2)
 3. 1 Prime minister [Future plans] (v. 3)
- B. Daniel **plotted against** by other leaders (6:4-9)
1. Their problem (v. 4)
 2. Their solution (v. 5)
 3. Their request (vv. 6-9)
- C. Daniel's **prayer** and **prosecution** (6:10-15)
1. The praying (v. 10)
 2. The observing (v. 11)
 3. The accusing (vv. 12-15)
- D. Daniel's **punishment** (6:16-18)
1. The king's command (vv. 16-17)
 2. The king's agony (v. 18)

- E. Daniel's **protection** in the lions' den (6:19-24)
1. Darius' inquiry (vv. 19-20)
 2. Daniel's response (vv. 21-22)
 3. Darius' command (vv. 23-24)

- F. Daniel's God **proclaimed** by Darius (6:25-27)
1. The decree of Darius (vv. 25-26a)
 2. The description of God (vv. 26b-27)

- G. Daniel's **prosperity** in Medo-Persia (6:28)

III. Conclusion:

- Daniel did not **compromise** to achieve success
- Daniel maintained **consistency** in his walk with God
- Daniel was a captive in a strange land, yet he left a **legacy** in the lives of many because of his **faithfulness** to God
 - Story about a modern-day Daniel and his legacy!

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Why is integrity so important in the life of a believer? What happens if a believer loses his/her integrity?
3. Daniel was plotted against because of his faith. In what ways do we see such plots today and how are we to respond to them?
4. "God rescued Daniel. He did not, however, rescue Paul, who was beheaded; Peter, who was crucified upside-down; or Jesus, who was crucified for our sins; or millions of others!"
 - What does the above statement teach us about faithfulness?
 - What does the above statement teach us about suffering and deliverance?
5. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)