

## E2E- Part 111

### Daniel 6

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1. Chapters 1-5 in Daniel show a clash between early rulers and the One True God. Chapter 6 takes place under the Medo-Persian Empire.
2. Daniel is now in his 80s, has served under multiple kings, and still stands out for his “extraordinary spirit” (vs. 3).
3. His character is unmatched. They find no grounds for accusation, no negligence, and no corruption in him.
4. The only way to accuse Daniel is through the law of his God, showing that his faithfulness is the defining mark of his life.
5. They manipulate Darius by appealing to his ego, pushing a decree that all prayers go to him alone. This creates a direct conflict between obedience to God and obedience to man.
6. Daniel remains consistent. He continues praying “as he had been doing previously,” refusing to compromise his devotion to God.
7. The issue becomes clear: choosing between pleasing man or obeying God is not a choice for a true follower of God.
8. Daniel is cast into the lions’ den, and Darius expresses hope that Daniel’s God will deliver him.
9. Daniel was shielded by the power of God through faith (Heb. 11:33b; 1 Pet. 1:5), not *from* danger but *in* the midst of danger.
10. In Daniel 6, once again we see the forces of darkness working to obliterate all trace of the kingdom of God in government by taking out Daniel. It’s a reminder that the kingdom of darkness seeks to annihilate the kingdom of God. The fight against Satan and his demons of darkness is real and present throughout history.

## GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

**Ragash**, (raw-gash´); a primitive root; to be tumultuous: — rage — to thunder as an assembly

**Ramah**, (raw-maw´); to hurl; specifically, to shoot; throw

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

Glorious Day  
A Thousand Hallelujahs  
Trust In God  
Names

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- As a follower of Jesus and his ways, have you personally felt the demand of culture or government to relinquish your God-honoring values to be in conformity with theirs? In what way? How did, or do you deal with it?
- What kinds of motivations lead people to choose to put their faithfulness and loyalty to God beneath the benefits to be gained through “going with the flow” of the world?  
What has actually motivated you – in a specific moment – to stay faithful to God when compromise would have been easier or more profitable?
- Daniel wasn’t willing to change his prayer habits to save his life. Why do you think he made that choice? Are there any aspects of your relationship with Jesus (habits, commitments, disciplines, etc.) that you are unwilling to change for the sake of convenience?
- Mark asked what we use to focus our minds on God in prayer. What helps you – or what makes prayer feel difficult to sustain?
- When fear, convenience, or opportunity causes us to pull back from faithful devotion to God, what does that compromise actually reveal about what we believe about Him – His power, His goodness, His faithfulness, etc.?