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Daniel 6 – Persecution and Deliverance: Facing a Lion's Den

A forerunner exemplifies how to be during times of persecution. While being sent to get fed to lions, God can come with His rescue to Daniel! Forerunners learn costly obedience which can close the mouth of lions!

Daniel 6 demonstrates costly obedience in the face of persecution and the threat of prison and death. This extraordinary obedience and faith was followed by supernatural deliverance. Daniel was delivered from the lion's den, from the very mouths of hungry lions. At this point Daniel was in his eighties, shortly after the fall of Belshazzar and during the reign of Darius (who was under King Cyrus). Darius had made Daniel one of his three primary leaders over the kingdom, inciting the jealousy of other Persian leaders. Thus, they proposed a new law that the king authorized, which resulted in Daniel being forbidden to pray to the God of Israel. His life was threatened probably near the time that he received the vision in Daniel 9 or Daniel 10.

We cannot be decisive about the exact date, but Daniel 6 is assumed to have occurred near the beginning of the Persian rule because of the language of establishing its government in Babylon. Daniel 6 expresses the demonic rage against Daniel near the time that he received prophetic insight.

They planned a way to trap Daniel, knowing that he would never draw back on his personal devotion and commitment to prayer. Daniel stayed true to his prayer life, knowing that the new law was a scheme established because of their jealousy. Daniel's consecration in this situation expressed his lifelong commitment to prayer (6:10).

"Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, 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."

Daniel 6:10

We see how powerful dedication can be; we can see how dangerous it is as well. We also gain understanding on how spiritual warfare is about. We also see GOD at work and ready to bring rescue. All in all, a forerunner is ready, is set, to go.

Prayer:

Father, thank you for your faithfulness. You are God. Besides you there is no one else. We are amazed to see you deeper and clearer as we see the lifestyle of Daniel and the Hebrew boys, and how YOU are with them at all times!