

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Over the first 5 chapters of the Book of Daniel, we've seen numerous examples of how one individual can impact everyone around him, including the powerful kings over him, when that individual is fully submitted to honoring and glorifying God with his life. And throughout the Book we will continue to see not only the impact of Daniel's life and writing, but more importantly the impact of Daniel's God on everyone that dealt with Daniel.
- \* In those first five chapters, we've moved through some 65 plus years of Daniel's life, from his mid to late teens when he was among those exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon, to this week in chapter 6 where Daniel is likely now in his early eighties.
- \* During those years, Daniel has witnessed the rise of the Babylonian empire under the powerful King Nebuchadnezzar and its fall under Belshazzar, which we looked at last week.
- \* There's now a new "boss" in town by the name of Darius, as the Medes and Persians have taken over as the new world power in place of the Babylonians. But one thing has not changed, and that is Daniel's commitment to and faith in his God. This commitment that will get Daniel in a big pickle, only to see his bigger God come to his aid once more. As we look at the events of chapter 6, we will see several things that relate to us: relying on God's word; deciding not to compromise in living for God; trusting God in life's decisions and in regard to the results.

**INSTRUCTION****I. Background: Identity of D \_\_\_\_\_**

→ T \_\_\_\_\_ the B \_\_\_\_\_ !!

**II. The King's A \_\_\_\_\_ and Daniel's S \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1-3**

What was the source?

Daniel 1:17,20

What was the result?

**III. The C \_\_\_\_\_ v. 4-10**

What was the king's flaw? What do you need to guard against?

Proverbs 8:13; Luke 12:15; James 4:6

**IV. Daniel's C \_\_\_\_\_ v. 10**

What convictions would you stand for and not compromise?

**V. Rest of the Story v. 11-28**

1. D \_\_\_\_\_ of the king v. 14-16

2. D \_\_\_\_\_ of L \_\_\_\_\_ v. 16-17,19

The king's view of Daniel's God:

3. D \_\_\_\_\_ v. 20-23

4. D \_\_\_\_\_ of the C \_\_\_\_\_ v.24

Warning to husbands:

Proverbs 3:5-6

5. D \_\_\_\_\_ of the K \_\_\_\_\_ v.25-27

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* Is your faith strong enough to not compromise?
- \* What would you refuse to compromise over?
- \* Are you trusting God in the crisis areas of your life?
- \* Are you trusting God in the mundane areas of your life?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION**

\* Read Matthew 10:16-17. How do you think "wise as serpents and harmless [or innocent] as doves" applies in situations where you have to decide whether to compromise or not?