Impact Phrases

Tony Mauck · Daniel 6:1–24

INTRODUCTION

- The sluggard says, There is a lion outside. I shall be slain in the streets.
- The devil prowls about as a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.
- We see Daniel's spiritual impact on the lives of the most powerful men in the world in two separate kingdoms.

1 He Entered His House: Deliberate Defiance

Daniel 6:10; Acts 4; Acts 5

- In his roof chamber, he had windows open toward Jerusalem, and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day.
- What we have in this point is the deliberate defiance of defamation.
- We must obey God rather than men.
- He was undaunted in his determination to serve God. Are you?
- Will you be holy, set apart for God's purposes, even if it's unpopular?

2 Your God, Whom You Constantly Serve

Daniel 6:16; Daniel 6:20

- Your God, whom you constantly serve, will himself deliver you. Look at the confidence that the king has.
- The king has come to believe in the power of Daniel's God.
- Has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions.
- May that be true of us? That your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers, your relatives, everybody knows.
- A simple yet important pursuit and influence in the lives of others.

3 No Injury Whatever, Because He Had Trusted in God

Daniel 6:23; Hebrews 11:33–34; Proverbs 16:3

- So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him.
- No injury whatever, because it says he had trusted in God.
- The credibility of the New Testament is tied to the story of Daniel chapter 6.
- They conquered kingdoms and they performed acts of righteousness. They obtained promises and they shut the mouths of lions.
- It was a unique time and a unique opportunity to display his power among the Gentiles.

4 God Lets the Lions Be Lions

Daniel 6:24; Psalm 50:22

- They brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel. And they cast them and their children and their wives.
- Beware when you do evil. Sometimes other people pay the price for the evil that you do.
- They had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.
- These lions were normal. And now God decides to let the lions be lions.
- No enemy of God's escapes. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

THE CHALLENGE

You need to be absolutely sure that you find yourself on the right side of history.

MY NOTES