

Daniel - Lesson 6

“ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God” **Daniel 6**

Day 1 – Read Daniel 6

Pray: God's Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

Read Again: Daniel 6:1-5

- 1) What king is reigning at the beginning of Daniel 6?

- 2) What is the power structure, and where does Daniel fall in it?

- 3) Why had Daniel become distinguished?

What was the king planning to do with Daniel?

- 4) What were the officials and satraps trying to do?

Why was this difficult?

- 5) **Application:** Consider what was said about Daniel by his coworkers. The only complaint that could be found against him would be in connection with his worship of God. Is this true of your own life? Why or why not? What would this look like?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 6:6-14

- 6) What did the satraps and high officials encourage the king to do?

According to Daniel 6:8, what were they sure to include in this request?

Why might this have been important to them?

7) What did Daniel do, knowing that the document had been signed?

8) What kinds of pressure was Daniel facing?

Application: If you were in exile, what would you have to work through as you figured out how to respond?

How does Daniel's living by faith impact others in this account?¹

9) What accusation against Daniel was brought before the king?

¹ Question 8 was taken from *Daniel: Standing Firm in Adversity*, Paul S. Kim, p. 58.

10) How did the king respond to the accusations?

Day 3 – Read Daniel 6:15-23

11) According to Daniel 6:16, what did the king declare to Daniel?

Does anything strike you about his declaration?

12) What did the king do after the den was sealed?

13) What question does the king ask of Daniel as he came near to the den at the break of day?

What is Daniel's answer?

14) According to Daniel 6:23, why was no harm found on Daniel?

Application: How would you define what it means to trust in God?

What do you learn from the following verses about trust?

Proverbs 3:5-6 –

Jeremiah 17:7-8 –

- 15) **Application:** Faithful living in exile leads to persecution. This has been a theme of our study. How is this sitting with you?

What do we learn from the following verses?

John 15:20 (Jesus' own words) –

1 Peter 4:12-14 –

1 John 3:13 -

Day 4 – Read Daniel 6:24-28

- 16) At the end of Daniel 6, what does the king do?
Command:

Decree:

Proclaim about God:

17) What statement is made about Daniel in Daniel 6:28?

Daniel came to Babylon as a youth and is now an old man. As you reflect on Daniel 1-6, what does prosperity look like as an elect exile?

Application: How have you been challenged and encouraged as you live as an elect exile?

18) Read 1 Peter 2:19-23. How does Daniel point us to Jesus?

19) Read the following verses. Why is the mention of Cyrus significant?

2 Chronicles 36:22-23 –

Ezra 1:1-3 –

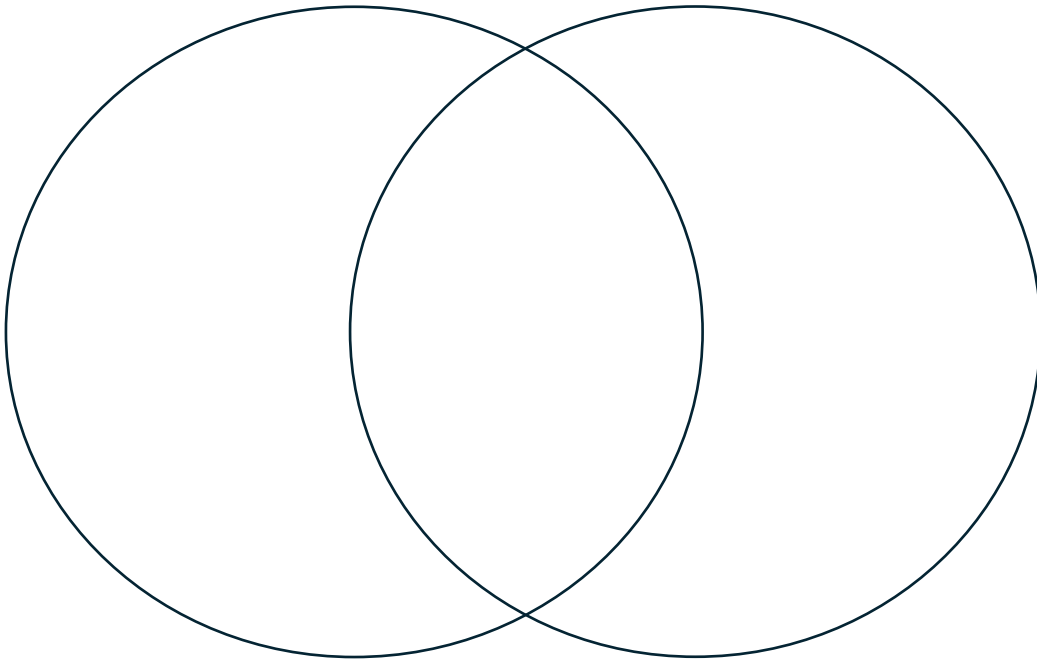
Application: As God's people are in exile, God stirs Cyrus' heart and he lets God's people return. We are in exile. When will we go home?

Day 5 – Read Daniel 6

20) Throughout the book of Daniel, but especially in Daniel 3 and 6, we read testimony of faithful servants of a faithful God. Even if – to the point of death – I will follow. Compare and contrast chapters 3 & 6 below.

Chapter 3

Chapter 6



Application: How does this challenge or encourage you as a faithful servant?

Application: In what ways are you being called to endure faith that is costly?

Read the following verses:

Matthew 16:24-26 –

Galatians 2:20 –

Philippians 3:7-12 –

Application: How do these verses encourage you to press on?

How is this life possible? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24

- 21) **Application:** The message of Daniel is not be like Daniel; it is trust in his God. Where have you seen moralistic teaching being harmful in your life or to others around you?

22) **Application:** How have you experienced the faithfulness and deliverance of God in your own life?

Application: What might deliverance look like in a believer's life?

23) **Application:** Read Psalm 91 and let it wash over you. Journal your thoughts below.