

DANIEL PART I

LESSON 8

ARE YOU INCORRUPTIBLE?

Incorruptible: incapable of being corrupted; as in incapable of accepting a bribe.

Integrity: firm adherence to a strict moral code; an unimpaired condition; soundness, undivided, complete.

The quality or state of being complete or undivided.

Dan. 6:1-2 Setting: New king – restructuring-doesn't want corruption.

I THE PLOT

Dan. 6:3 Godliness is no hindrance to greatness

Close to the fall of the Babylonian empire, yet Daniel exceeds all expectations. But Daniel started that reputation when he was in his teens. (Dan. 1:8)

Mark 7:20-23 From the heart comes our speech and actions.

Dan. 6:4

Why wouldn't they have brought false witness against Daniel?

It is politics!!

The king probably wouldn't have believed it. Daniel had integrity.

Dan. 6:5 Why according to his God? Because he wouldn't compromise.

What about you?

Dan. 6:6 They've got a plan. They appeal to the kings' vanity.

Dan. 6:7-9 They set the trap. This trap shows us human depravity.

Titus 3:3

Rom. 1:29

II DANIEL'S PRAYER LIFE

Dan. 6:10 Daniel, when he knew.....went to his God as he had done previously. It was his habit.

Six elements we see in Daniel's prayer life:

1. He was constant (6:10) A truly godly person prays in all seasons.
2. He was regular (6:10, Ps. 55:17) If we don't have those regular times of prayer, we won't do it.
3. He was believing (1 Kings 8:28-34, Heb. 4:14,16)
4. He was fearless (Matt. 10:28) He still went to his upper room to seek God.
5. He was thankful (James 1:2-3) because he knew his God.
6. He was earnest.

He made supplication. This was the foundation of his life: His relationship to God.

III THE LION'S DEN

Dan. 6:11

Dan. 6:12-13 Do you remember?

Dan. 6:3 The king has complete confidence in Daniel.

Dan. 6:16 Your God....will Himself deliver you.

Dan. 6:20 He cried out with a troubled voice. (he's still worried)

Dan. 6:21 Oh King, live forever...

Dan. 6:22 My God sent....

"I was found innocent before God." Who passed judgment? Not the king!!

Once the king knows the character of the satraps, he doesn't make a decree, he just throws them in (6:24).

Then he makes a decree. (6:26-27) and this is a PAGAN king!

But Daniel was there to reveal God to these people. (6:26)

Darius declares God has a kingdom (6:26-27)

We should be Daniels in today's society.

Deut. 16:19

Prov. 12:22

Prov. 19:1

Prov. 28:6

Prov. 21:3

God's Definition of Integrity

LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on Your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

Psalm 15:1-5

Ex. 18:13-16

Ex. 18:20-22

Prov. 16:11

Luke 16:10