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DANIEL THE PROPHET - DANIEL 6 IN THE LION'S DEN, PART 1

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will begin studying Daniel 6:1-10. We will examine closely how God elevated and blessed Daniel because of his consistent and unwavering stance for truth, and make applications to our own lives.

2. Who did Darius set over his whole kingdom to govern it? Daniel 6:1-2

3. Who did Darius prefer above the princes and presidents? Daniel 6:3

4. How was Daniel's character described during the reign of Medo-Persia and Babylon? Daniel 6:3; Daniel 5:12

5. What did the princes and presidents try to do to Daniel? Daniel 6:4

6. Why couldn't they find any fault in him? Daniel 6:4

7. In what area of Daniel's life did they seek to accuse him? Daniel 6:5

8. **Note:** The experience of Daniel is a type of Jesus Christ. Let us prove this point.
9. What did the followers of Jesus want to do to Him? John 6:15; Matthew 21:8-9

10. What did the wicked priests and rulers desire to do to Jesus? Matthew 21:15, 45-46; John 12:9-11

11. What accusations did the wicked priests and rulers bring against Jesus? Luke 23:1-4; John 19:7

12. What was Pilate's verdict of Jesus after hearing the accusations? John 19:4, 6

13. **Note:** Since Jesus was without fault in His character and conduct, the Jewish leaders brought false accusations against Him and also accused Him on the basis of religion and worship. Similarly, Daniel was also accused on the basis of his religion and how he worshiped God.
14. Since Christ is our example, what is said about Jesus' life, which also must be our experience in these last days?
1 Peter 2:21-22

"Now, while our great High Priest is making the atonement for us, we should seek to become perfect in Christ. Not even by a thought could our Saviour be brought to yield to the power of temptation. Satan finds in human hearts some point where he can gain a foothold; some sinful desire is cherished, by means of which his temptations assert their

power. But Christ declared of Himself: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in Me." John 14:30. Satan could find nothing in the Son of God that would enable him to gain the victory. He had kept His Father's commandments, and there was no sin in Him that Satan could use to his advantage. This is the condition in which those must be found who shall stand in the time of trouble." {GC 623.1}

15. What kind of church is Jesus coming back for, to take them with Him to heaven? Ephesians 5:25-27

16. In the last days, which group of people does the Bible say have no guile in their mouths? How are they declared before the throne of God? Revelation 14:1, 5

17. The Bible says that God is coming back for a people who are without fault or without sin. In order to be saved, does this mean that we should declare ourselves sinless? 1 John 1:8; 1 Corinthians 10:12

18. Since we all have sinned (Romans 3:23), how can we be cleansed from our sins?

a) 1 John 1:9

b) Ephesians 5:26

19. Once we follow these steps, who will declare us clean from our sins? 1 John 1:7

20. Let us go back and read Daniel 6:6-9 for context.

21. What decree did the rulers of the kingdom trick Darius into signing? Daniel 6:7

22. How many people did the decree affect? Who was the decree primarily intended for? Daniel 6:7, 5

23. In the last days, what decree will be enacted which will force people to worship falsely? Revelation 13:17; 14:9-10

24. How many people will this law affect? Revelation 13:14-16

25. Based on the Bible, it is the dragon or Satan who is behind the passing of the Mark of the Beast or the National Sunday Law (Revelation 13:11). What group of people is Satan's primary target to destroy during the Mark of the Beast crisis? Revelation 12:17

26. As his custom was, what did Daniel do when he knew that the law for false worship was passed? Daniel 6:10

27. What should we accustom ourselves with now, so that we will maintain the same experience when trials come our way?

a) Psalm 55:17

b) Psalm 91:1; Matthew 6:6, 16

c) 1 Thessalonians 5:17

28. As we look back on the faithful character of Daniel, what should be our aim? Meditate on the statements below.

“The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall.” {Ed 57.3}

“But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature—the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man.” {Ed 57.4}

“The youth need to be impressed with the truth that their endowments are not their own. Strength, time, intellect, are but lent treasures. They belong to God, and it should be the resolve of every youth to put them to the highest use. He is a branch, from which God expects fruit; a steward, whose capital must yield increase; a light, to illuminate the world's darkness.” {Ed 57.5}

“Every youth, every child, has a work to do for the honor of God and the uplifting of humanity.” {Ed 58.1}