

# Steadfast in a Sovereign God

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## Faith That Makes An Impression ♦ Daniel 6

### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Daniel 9:1-19. Take a moment to think about the connections you find between Daniel's reading of scripture and his prayer life. There are four that might aid in our prayer life as well.

First, Daniel's consistent study of God's Word keeps God's promises fresh in his mind. And that continual recall of God's good promises drove Daniel into a dialogue with God to request that He fulfill them. Second, Daniel accompanied his prayers with confession and fasting. His confession of sin (*both his own and that of Israel*) expressed his humility to God, while his fasting expressed his trust and dependence. Third, Daniel knew not to expect answers to his prayers unless he (*and Israel*) were ready to repent and accept God's terms for how they were to live. Fourth, Daniel kept his prayers focused on God's reputation and glory.

Pray God's promises, submit to His terms, focus on His glory, and see if your prayer life doesn't grow more intimate with God!

### January 2025 Growth Goals

- ❑ Read the Book of Daniel.
- ❑ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ❑ Watch the Bible Project videos on the Book of Daniel (available on the website).
- ❑ Consider taking ten days this month to replace a small daily comfort or activity with scripture reading and prayer.

### FOR CHILDREN:

Play a guessing game with your family. Write down 5 things you can see, then take turns guessing what's on each other's list. Do the same thing for 4 things you can hear... 3 things you can touch... 2 things you can smell... 1 thing you can taste. Thank God for designing you with senses that make life so rich! Now read Daniel 6:19-23. When Daniel was locked in with the lions for the night, God sent an angel to assure Daniel of His presence. Today we probably won't see an angel (*although they're busy in the spiritual world*), but God's presence is with us in an even better way: God dwells inside those in Christ! (*Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16*).

### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

If you've read Daniel 6 already, review the following verses: 3-4, 10, 14, 16, 19-20, 25-28. Daniel lived his faith in public, he did not hide it, and it made quite the impression in his workplace. Sure, some of his colleagues were bothered by it (*which really only exposes the problem with their hearts*), but King Darius - like all the kings before - was impressed by Daniel's integrity.

New Testament scholar, William Hendriksen wrote, "Bear in mind that though few men read the sacred scrolls, all men read you." Revisit the following scriptures this week and prayerfully consider how God might be guiding you in ways your faith can become more conspicuous in public. Pray that God might use your faith to reveal His goodness and glory to many, drawing them back to Him.

- Matthew 5:14-16
- Ephesians 5:11-17
- Colossians 4:5-6

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, since I was found innocent before Him;"

Daniel 6:22

### Weekly Affirmation:

**I Want My Faith to  
Leave an Impression  
Today!**