

Daniel 6:1-10

Today's scripture describes the fall of Babylon and how Darius the Mede began ruling the region. Daniel earned favor with Darius and was appointed one of the three governors overseeing the kingdom. However, due to the jealousy of other officials, Daniel faced a crisis where praying to God could lead to death.

Even in such challenging and faith-testing times, Daniel remained unwavering before God. How was Daniel able to maintain his unshakable faith?

First, Live as a faithful worshiper before God.

In today's passage, the officials envious of Daniel sought grounds to accuse him (verses 4-5). Yet, they could find no fault in him despite their thorough search. Humanly speaking, such integrity is impossible. This wasn't achieved by Daniel's own effort but was evidence of God's work in his life.

A Christian life involves living in God's holiness, empowered by Him, and maintaining faith and honesty. This is only possible by living *Coram Deo* (before the face of God)—worshiping and serving Him every moment of every day.

We were all saved by God's grace through faith, not by our character, merit, or deeds. Yet, this doesn't mean Christians can live carelessly after being saved. Scripture clearly instructs those saved to no longer live according to the desires of the flesh but to present themselves as instruments of righteousness. Jesus also calls us to be the salt and light of the world, so others may see our good works and glorify the Father.

Second, Maintain consistent personal devotion.

Verse 10 reveals that Daniel prayed to God even though he knew it could lead to death. He returned home to pray, utilizing his personal time. His practice of going to an upper room shows that he had set aside a specific space for his communion with God. Facing Jerusalem while praying indicates that Daniel prayed according to God's covenant, recalling Solomon's prayer at the temple dedication (1 Kings 8:48-50). By leaving his windows open, Daniel publicly displayed his faith.

The phrase "just as he had done before" in verse 10 is particularly striking. This habit of prayer wasn't new but had been cultivated consistently over time. Daniel's lifelong spiritual discipline ensured he never neglected personal devotion.

For us, it's crucial to set apart time and space in our daily lives to engage in personal worship and spiritual training through prayer and devotion. When we live this way, God upholds us, works in our lives, and grants us His grace, just as He did with Daniel.

Third, Confess gratitude in all circumstances.

It's difficult to guard our hearts and minds when life becomes turbulent, and trials come our way. When we fail to guard our hearts, our faith naturally falters. Despite the collapse of nations, being taken as a captive, and witnessing kingdoms rise and fall, Daniel remained steadfast and faithful. How was this possible?

The secret lies in the latter part of verse 10—Daniel prayed and gave thanks to God, just as he had always done. Gratitude in all circumstances guards our hearts and minds (Philippians 4:6-7).

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)

**Bible
Reading**

1/27(Mon)	1/28(Tue)	1/29(Wed)	1/30(Thur)	1/31(Fri)	2/1(Sat)	2/2(Sun)
Gen. 44-46	Gen. 47-49	Gen. 50, Exod. 1-2	Exod. 3-5	Exod. 6-8	Exod. 9-11	Exod. 12-13

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Quiet Time Passage

1/27(Mon)	1/28(Tue)	1/29(Wed)	1/30(Thur)	1/31(Fri)	2/1(Sat)	2/2(Sun)
John 7:53-8:11	John 8:12-20	John 8:21-30	John 8:31-47	John 8:48-59	John 9:1-12	John 9:13-34

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share any experience of God's grace from last week's sermon or your daily devotions.
2. What new insights or blessings did you receive from today's message?
3. What concrete decisions can you make this year to stand firm in faith before God? Share and pray together.