

# DANIEL 6:1-13

## FAITHFUL IN HIGH OFFICE

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The study that follows is divided into three readings with a set of questions following each reading. To get the most out of your study please read the text through several times and then reread the selected passage again several times before attempting to answer the questions. Answer each set of questions from the passage.

### Daniel 6:1-13

Then Ask:

Who was the King in this account (Daniel 6:1)? Where did he reign (Dan 1:1-3)? Where is this account set and why is that setting significant to our interpretation? What arrangements did the king make for the administration of his kingdom (Dan 6:1-2)? What position was Daniel appointed to?

What distinguished Daniel from the others (Dan 6:3)? What did the King plan to do because of this? What did the leaders around Daniel plan to do and why (Dan 6:4a)? Why were they unable to do this? What did they find when they examined Daniel's character and life (Dan 6:4b)? What aspects of Daniel's character listed here would we be well advised to emulate? How can we go about doing so?

What was the other leader's next course of action (Dan 6:5-8)? What was the King's response (Dan 6:9)?

When Daniel became aware of the signing of the document, what did he do (Dan 6:10)? Was this a departure from Daniel's normal pattern? Give a reasoned answer? Why was Daniel's window open towards Jerusalem?

What did the men who sought to entrap Daniel discover in Daniel 6:11? What did they do after they had made this discovery (Dan 6:12a)? How did the King respond (Dan 6:12a)? Did the king realize that the other men were speaking of Daniel? What did the men accuse Daniel of in Daniel 6:13? Was this accusation accurate and correct?

How did the king react to their accusations (Dan 6:14)? How did this news make him feel? What did he seek to do for Daniel? Was the king successful in achieving what he wanted to do? What did the men do in Daniel 6:15 to ensure that there was no escape for Daniel?

Have you ever been in a situation where others have brought charges against you? How they have sought to do so? Has what they said against you been accurate? How have you handled that situation and what other actions do you think you could have taken in that situation?

Have you ever been in a situation like the King was where you have found yourself in a position where you have had to do something that you have not wanted to because of your own words? How have you handled a situation? What could you have done to avoid such a situation? Could King Darius have done something to avoid the predicament he found himself in?