

FIRST PRINCIPLES

DANIEL 6 | WEEK SIX

PREPARING FOR THE SESSION

Read Daniel 6

MEMORIZE

“When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.”

—Daniel 6:10

“Daniel acts faithfully, but God provides the protection and provision necessary for such righteousness. God is working prior to, through, and beyond Daniel’s own resolve to act righteously. Such care reminds us to act righteously and let God take care of the rest that is needed for his purposes to be fulfilled.”

—Bryan Chapell

DANIEL 6:1–5

1. Daniel's excellent work continues to reap rewards and respect from his ungodly masters. If we could ask him directly, how do you think he would describe his career?

2. They found no error in him because he was faithful. Could this be said of us? What compromises are we prone to make? What doubts do we allow to keep us from faithful service?

3. Even though we have worked hard to get where we are, do we fully believe that every skill and every opportunity we have has been given to us from the Lord?

DANIEL 6:16–28

4. Daniel goes into the lion's den with the same confidence his friends had decades ago. He knows God is able to save him, "but if not," he will not serve another god. Do we have this kind of faith or have we allowed disappointment to steal this confidence away?

5. Have we allowed ourselves to become so much like the world that confidence like Daniel's looks unrealistic, even naïve?

6. Daniel does not fear being killed or injured by the lions, but he knows he could be. What place do we give suffering in our lives?