

Set-Up, Fed-Up and Lifted Up

Daniel 6

4-part plot in each chapter:

- Politics of the nation (vv. 1-3)
- Ploy of satan (vv. 4-9)
- Plan of God (vv. 10-24)
- Praise to God (v. 25-28)

Personal Application:

- Politics – Daniel was a distinguished employee of the king. What kind of employees are we? In what ways are we distinguished from other employees?
- Ploy – When Daniel's co-workers saw Daniel advancing in the ranks they became jealous and tried to sabotage his character. When we see other people advancing to positions we desire to have, do we become jealous of them? If so, have we ever been guilty of trying to destroy someone else's character?
- Plan – When Daniel was rescued from the lion's den, Daniel's first reaction was not one of vindication but of submission. Are we people who desire vindication when others hurt us or do we seek to be submissive to the gentle spirit of God?
- Praise – Daniel's character made the king give praise to the God he served. What does our character say about the God that we serve? Would our character lead others to or away from Christ?

Points of Remembrance:

- When dealing with employers, be exceptional!
- When dealing with others, be truthful!
- When dealing with leaders, be humble!
- When dealing with God, be continual!