



DGM Message Title: The Hole You Dug for Me

Concept: How to Overcome Your Haters

Message Summary:

The pit your enemy dug for you, he is about to fall into. God's got you. Do what He has called you to do, and let Him handle the rest! Are you ready to believe God?

Scriptural References:

- Daniel 6:1-24 NKJV
- Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Key Points:

- The hole that has been dug for you, your enemy will be in.
- Something is shifting. You should be responsive in these moments.
- God's got you.

Daniel 6:1 NKJV

- Darius expanded the kingdom physically, but his greatest conquest was management.
- "Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." Peter Drucker
- Darius took the kingdom to the next level through management.
- Satraps had judicial power and collected taxes.

Daniel 6:2 NKJV

- Daniel was a Jew serving in a gentile regime. But he didn't let that affect or stop him.
- The biggest limits you will ever face in life are the ones you put on yourself.
- Daniel's primary role was to watch the King's back, especially over finances.

Daniel 6:3 NKJV

- Daniel did his job so well that he distinguished himself, despite his natural disadvantages.
- He had an excellent attitude (spirit)
- Aptitude is what you can do. Attitude is how you do it.
- Background:
 - Daniel was taken from his home by King Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon.
 - Turned into a Eunuch.
 - "Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it." Charles Swindoll
- Despite Daniel's past, he had an excellent attitude.

Daniel 6:4 NKJV

- Everybody likes you until you become competition.
- Never hate someone because they are jealous of you. Respect their jealousy.
- Daniel was a man with every reason to be a mess who remained faithful.
- “If it’s important you’ll find a way. If it’s not, you’ll find an excuse.” Ryan Blair
- At this point, Daniel was over 80 years old. But he had handled his life just like his faith. He was clean.

Daniel 6:5 NKJV

- God’s grace won’t just cause you to be forgiven. It’ll also cause you to live right.
- “If it had not been for the lord on MY side!”

Daniel 6:6 NKJV

- There are few things harder to resist than flattery.
- “Flattery is like chewing gum. Enjoy it but don’t swallow it.” Hank Ketcham

Daniel 6:7 NKJV

- During this time, a decree like this wasn’t that unusual. The same thing happened when the Romans began to worship Caesar.
- Worshipping the king together as a nation would have helped create more unity.
- The wrong thing for the right reasons is still wrong.

Daniel 6:8-9 NKJV

- The king didn’t even realize he was being set up.
- Once the decree was put on paper, it was 100% irrevocable, even if the King, himself, changed his mind.
 - If God put the scriptures on paper, he must have been serious about it.
 - God knew that once He wrote it, there was no going back.

Daniel 6:10 NKJV

- Daniel was not the type of guy to rub his faith in others’ faces, but he also wasn’t the type of guy to hide it.
- Even the threat of death could not keep Daniel from his God.
- He was not ashamed. He didn’t argue or fight. He just did what he needed to do.
- “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” MLK
- People were trying to destroy Daniel’s career, his reputation, and his life. Yet he found reason to thank God.
- No matter what your struggle is, you still have cause to give thanks.
- Don’t just pray when you’re in trouble.

Daniel 6:11-12 NKJV

- We should always obey the laws of our country, except when they’re contrary to God’s laws.

Daniel 6:16 NKJV

- Everyone around Daniel saw his consistency. He was faithful to a fault.
- Excellence doesn’t come from what we do occasionally, but what we do daily.
- The king realized he had been tricked.

Daniel 6:17 NKJV

- Daniel's situation was irreversible. There was no natural hope.
- Harbinger of what happened to Jesus.
 - He was laid behind a stone.
 - A seal was put on the stone.
 - But 3 days later, He rose.

Daniel 6:18 NKJV

- The king wasn't a bad man, just a vulnerable man.

Daniel 6:19 NKJV

- "No pillow is so soft as a clear conscience." French Proverb

Daniel 6:20 NKJV

- The king was grief-stricken.
- Through the years, God had been working on the heart of the King through Daniel.
- People will see your heart.
- Your heart will change other people.

Daniel 6:21-22 NKJV

- Can't touch this!
- If God is before you... who could be against you?

Daniel 6:23 NKJV

- Anything God leads you into, He can get you out of.
- No ocean too deep; no valley too wide.
- Sometimes God leaves a scar to remind you of your healing. Other times, He won't let you get scratched, which leaves an even bigger mark on your heart.
- What you're going through is real, and it's tough. But when it's all over, no injury whatsoever will be found on you.
 - Why? Because you believe in your God!
- Like Daniel, you might have some situations against you.
 - Jeremiah 29:11 NIV
- Whatever you're dealing with, God will flip it, because THAT'S WHAT HE DOES!

Daniel 6:24 NKJV

- The pit your enemy dug for you, he is about to fall into.
- This just further confirmed the magnitude of the miracle
 - The lions were hungry
 - But Daniel's God was big
- If you want to experience a deliverance like Daniel, you need to do what Daniel did.

Revisit Daniel 6:23 NKJV

- I know that God's got this situation!
- My God will meet all of my needs, according to His riches and glory. - BG
- He heard my prayer. He heard my cry. - BG
- Lions may go hungry, but the righteous will NEVER be in want.
- Do what God has called you to do, and let God handle the rest!
- Are you ready to believe God?
- The only reason I can face what's in front of me is because I know who is behind me. - BG