

Characters In The Making

“Daniel: Faithful In Adversity”

- Introduction:
1. Being accused of something when you are totally innocent of any wrong doing is difficult to handle.
 2. It must have been for Daniel.
 3. Because Daniel did what was right, he was sentenced to death.
 4. Daniel is much more than a thrilling child’s story; there are many valuable lessons from the life of this man who slept with lions.

I. Background To Daniel

- A. Promise of Judah’s fall (2 Kings 20:16-18).
- B. A Description of Judah’s Captors (Habakkuk 1:5-11).
- C. The fulfillment of Judah’s fall to Babylon (Daniel 1:1-7).
- D. Daniel and his friends are put to the test (Daniel 1:8-21).
- E. Daniel was promoted and now, as an old man, he is tested again (Daniel 6).

II. The Plot Against Daniel

- A. The Responsibility of Daniel (Daniel 6:1-3).
- B. The Reputation of Daniel (Daniel 6:4-5).
- C. The Accusation of Daniel’s Peers (Daniel 6:6-15).
- D. The Reaction of King Darius (Daniel 6:14-28).
 1. To Daniel (Daniel 6:14).
 2. To Daniel’s Accusers (Daniel 6:24).
 3. To Daniel’s God (Daniel 6:26-27).

III. Practical Lessons From Daniel

- A. With Adversity Comes Opportunity (Philippians 1:20; Matthew 5:16; Job 13:15; 1 Peter 2:19).
- B. One never has to choose to do wrong (1 Corinthians 10:13; Revelation 2:10).
- C. Serving God is not always easy (Romans 8:28; John 15:18-19).
- D. Don’t be ashamed of your faith (Mark 8:38; Philippians 1:20; Matthew 10:33).