

The Divine Blueprint – Bible Study Notes for Wed. 16th June

Core Text – Daniel chapter 6

Background and opening question,

Since last weeks study a lot has happened to Daniel, we meet him now as one of the three most powerful men in the whole Persian Empire. This chapter is so well known it is possible to miss a lot of very important detail, so please read the chapter, divide it up into the major sections of the plot as Daniel finds himself in and then out of the Lion's Den!

Opening Question – What do you think lies behind Daniel's decision way back in Chapter 1 to go vegetarian in diet, so as not to defile himself?

Question – What "line in the sand" might you and I have to draw as regards our behaviour and priorities in today's world in order that we might remain faithful to God and not be defiled?

Food for thought – The consequences of Daniel's rapid rise to importance led to him making one really good friend and 122 very important enemies who plotted his downfall!

Question – How do you cope with jealousy, and temptation to spiritually compromise both inside and outside the Church? Something we see Daniel having to deal with in this remarkable chapter – whether you believe he was surrounded by people behaving like wild animals, or wild animals and people behaving like wild animals, what can we learn from Daniel at prayer in the middle of this storm.

Question – Scriptwriters for all the great Soap Operas on TV are often tasked with writing multiple endings for key episodes and key storylines. Why not try this technique yourself for Daniel Ch. 6 – at each ending ask yourself these

questions – would this solve the problem? And, would the tempters and temptations actually go away?

Conclusion – In this Divine Blueprint we see the remarkable faith and courage of one captive refugee lead to political support and protection for God’s People and the worship of the “Living God of Daniel” promoted through the whole Persian Empire during the reign of several Kings. It’s amazing to see what God can do with Mustard Seed faith.

Thank you for joining in our study fellowship, see you next week

God Bless Mark