Religious Disobedience

**Reading: Daniel 6:14-24**

**Opening Song: “He Is Able To Deliver Thee”**

**Read Daniel 6:1-3**

How old do you think Daniel is now? [Hint in verse 3]

Daniel is good comparison to Joseph as he worked his way to the top. He rose through righteousness, not by trickery, deceit or compromise.

**read Daniel 6:4-9**

Politics and politicians have not changed substantially in over 2000 years.

Step #1 Dig Up As Much Dirt As You Can.

They could find no treachery in Daniel because being a good citizen is consistent with God’s will. (Romans 13:1-7) ***Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. {2} Whosoever therefore resists the power, resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. {3} For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and you shall have praise of the same: {4} For he is the minister of God to you for good. But if you do that which is evil, be afraid; for he bears not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that does evil. {5} Wherefore you must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. {6} For this cause pay tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. {7} Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.***

Step #2 Force Him Act Upon Principle To His Detriment

As much as we hate to admit it, there are people who will use your faith against you for their own gain.

Step #3: Lay A Carefully Planned Diversion

Step #4 Get It Signed It Into Law NOW!

**Daniel 6:10-17**

Notice how Daniel broke the law the very day it was signed.

A man of Daniel’s position had alternatives.

1. Argue that he was framed or that the law was unfair.

2. Just like our Congressmen he could have taken a 30-day junket.

3. He could comply with the law.

4. Obey & Serve God ***just as he always did*** [Vs 10]

Can you read any assurances from God that Daniel was to be spared? NO

**Daniel 6:17-24**

Pertinent questions & observations to be raised from this lesson:

1. If God did not save Daniel from the Lions, would that make any difference to you?

2. What would it have proved if the lions had eaten Daniel?

3. Does God always save everyone from the mouth of lions?

4. Did God spare Jesus from the death on the cross, seeing that He was faithful?

We should learn the lesson: Just because you are a faithful Christian, God will not necessarily spare you from the cruelties of life.

Even if Daniel were torn to pieces, it would not have affected his soul one bit.

Moral of this lesson.

1. Don’t compromise what is right.

2. Stand your ground instead of running away

3. Be thankful regardless of your circumstances