

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Bubbles Part 7

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MEMORY VERSE

“He rescues and He saves, he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth” Daniel 6:27

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When people cannot find fault with someone they might have to make a good thing faulty to get him. Daniel was the first of the three presidents that Darius the king of Babylon had appointed to oversee his kingdom. Daniel was preferred among all the presidents because “an excellent spirit was in him” (Daniel 6:3). Moreover, the king was considering making him in charge of his entire realm. His fellow presidents and governors grew jealous of Daniel and sought to bring him down. However, they could not find any fault in him. Their way out was to find something “against him concerning the law of his God” (Daniel 6:5). In doing so they sought and succeeded in making Daniel’s custom of prayer illegal because they believed that Daniel could never comply with that law. They had to make a good thing faulty to find fault in a good man.

Getting Started

1. Aware that nothing would ever be found faulty with Daniel, his colleagues sought to write a new rule that they were sure he would disobey.
 - a. In an office environment there are rules that, if followed strictly, would land a lot of otherwise very good workers in trouble. What are some of those rules?
 - b. What are some of the rules that, if followed strictly, would find you out?
2. Are there any things that your colleagues believe you can never do because of your relationship with God? What are some of those things?

Digging Deeper:

Read Daniel 6:1-28

1. What reason is given in Daniel 6:1-5 for which Daniel’s colleagues sought to do him in?
 - a. Read John 17 vs. 14. Why does the world dislike Christians?
 - b. Why would the world want to do Christians in?

2. When the rule was published Daniel went ahead and prayed three times each day as was his custom.
 - a. What is the value of making prayer a custom?
 - b. How can we make prayer a custom?

3. When Daniel's colleagues found him praying "against the law" they reported him to king Darius.
 - a. Review verse 13. What words did they use to describe Daniel to the king?
 - b. What is the meaning of "That Daniel"? Verse 13.

4. When Darius threw Daniel into the den he proclaimed that God whom he serves continually will deliver him.
 - a. Do you believe that Darius believed that God would deliver him? (See verse 19)
 - b. Darius referred to Daniel as a servant of the living God and one who serves God continually (Verse 20). Do people around us notice that we serve God continually?
 - c. What is the value of people noticing that we serve God?
 - d. How can people around us notice that we serve God continually?

5. Darius had the people that accused Daniel and their families thrown into the lions' den.
 - a. Read Romans 6:24. How much has God allowed us to deal with our enemies?
 - b. How does this story show us that God will deal with your enemies in His own way and in His time?

6. Review verse 26. Darius made worshipping the God of Daniel the law of the land.
 - a. What evidence did the king have to make worshipping Daniel's God the law?
 - b. In what way did God get glorified out of all that happened to Daniel?

Bringing it Home

God had Daniel go through this trial because God knew that Daniel would handle it. This was demonstrated in both what his accusers and king Darius believed Daniel would do.

1. What can we do this week to have other people have a clearer perspective of how much we believe in God?
2. How will that benefit God's kingdom?