

# CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**TOPIC:** PEOPLE JUST LIKE US – THE LIFE OF DANIEL  
**THEME:** DANIEL, THE FAITHFUL SERVANT OF GOD (PART I)  
**TEXT:** EZEKIEL 14:14; DANIEL 6:1–28

## INTRODUCTION

Even though Daniel's life generally gives us several positive character qualities, one which stands out throughout his life is his faithfulness.

Because of his closeness to God and his total devotion to Him, Daniel was always careful to maintain his faithfulness, purity and integrity.

In which areas do we see this faithfulness of the prophet Daniel in our study today?

## DISCUSSION

### I. DANIEL WAS ABSOLUTELY FAITHFUL IN HIS POLITICAL LIFE (Daniel 6:1-4)

1. Daniel did his work as a political administrator more faithfully than all the other officials and governors in the kingdom. (Vs. 3) "Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." (See Daniel 1:20-21; 2:49).

**Q: How do we live a life of faithfulness in a worldly and corrupt system or society?**

2. Even Daniel's enemies testified that he was absolutely faithful in his political life. (Vs. 4a) "The administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so." (See Jeremiah 20:10-11).

**Q: How does the text in Proverbs 12:24 compare to the testimony of Daniel in verse 4a above?**

3. Daniel's enemies again bore testimony that he was incorruptible and absolutely trustworthy in his political life. (Vs. 4b) "they could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent."

**Q: How do we ensure that we are above board and beyond reproach when given the opportunity or responsibility similar to that of Daniel? (See 1 Timothy 4:12)**

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### II. DANIEL WAS ABSOLUTELY FAITHFUL IN HIS PRAYER LIFE (Daniel 6:5-18)

1. The administrators and satraps saw that they would be able to get Daniel before he was promoted to the highest office in the kingdom only by setting him a trap in connection with his religion. (Vs. 5) "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

**Q: Given the demands of the times we live in, how do we ensure faithfulness in our prayer life? Luke 18:1**

2. The trap they set for Daniel was in connection with his prayer life. They agreed to flatter the king to make the following law: (Vs. 7) "All of your officials, leaders, advisors and governors agree that you should make a law forbidding anyone to pray to any God or human except you for the next thirty days. Everyone who disobeys this law must be thrown into a pit of lions." (See Psalm 64:2-6)

**Q: What do we do when the enemy sets a trap against us that is in direct conflict with our faith and our walk with God?**

3. Because the king, like Nebuchadnezzar saw emperor worship as an effective way of promoting allegiance to himself and to his kingship, he willingly put this into a decree. (Vs. 9) "So king Darius made the law and had it written down."

**Q: As believers what should our response be to an ungodly government decree or policy?**

### CONCLUSION

God is always faithful to the faithful!

When He finds us faithful wherever He places us, and we in turn maintain this faithfulness in our relationship with Him; He will show us that He is a faithful God who is always ready to sustain us with His omnipotent power!

Let us praise the Lord that He is absolutely faithful!