DANIEL'S LIFE OF PRAYER

Daniel 6:1-28 Key Verse: 6:10

"Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before."

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. Read verses 1-3. How did King Darius organize his empire? What was Daniel's position in this new government? How and why did the king plan to promote him?
- 2. Read verses 4-5. Why did the other administrators and satraps try to find grounds to bring charges against him? Why could they find none? What conclusion did they reach?
- 3. Read verses 6-9. What was the decree they persuaded the king to issue? Why could the king be persuaded to issue such a decree? Why put it into writing "according to the laws of the Medes and Persians"?
- 4. Read verse 10. When Daniel heard about this decree, what did he do? How was Daniel's uncompromising stand consistent with his previous decisions and actions? (1:8; 2:28; 4:27; 5:22; 6:10) What was his prayer topic?
- 5. Read verses 11-17. When Daniel's enemies went as a group and reported Daniel's disobedience to the king what was his reaction? Why could he not change his foolish law? What did he finally do?
- 6. Read verses 17-18. What was the king's only hope? (16) How did he spend the night? (18) Read verses 19-23. What did the king do at the first light of dawn? What was Daniel's testimony?
- 7. Read verses 24-28. What happened to Daniel's enemies? What had King Darius learned about God? (25-27) What can we learn in this chapter about faith and prayer?