"The Faith of Daniel"

- I. Faith in God will draw the enemy's attention (v. 1-9)
 - A. Daniel was a powerful public official
 - B. Daniel was man of great integrity
 - C. Daniel was a man of great faith in God
 - D. Daniel was a <u>target</u> of enemies of God

"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. "(2 Timothy 3:10)

- II. Faith in God must be lived out (v. 10-11)
 - A. Daniel chose <u>obedience</u> to God over men
 - B. Daniel demonstrated his faith through prayer
 - C. Daniel prayed prayers of thanksgiving

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

D. Daniel prayed prayers asking for God's help

"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress and he hears my voice." (Psalm 55:17)

- III. Faith in God will bring persecution (v. 12-17)
 - A. Daniel's civil disobedience was reported
 - B. The King tried to find a way to save Daniel
 - C. The King sentenced Daniel to death
 - D. The King hoped for God to rescue Daniel
- IV. Faith in God will bring deliverance (v. 18-24)
 - A. God miraculously saved Daniel from death

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them." (Psalm 34:7)

B. Daniel thanked God for his deliverance

"The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring my safely to his heavenly kingdom." (2 Timothy 4:18)

C. Daniel's accusers were <u>destroyed</u>

"If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if a man rolls a stone, it will roll back on him." (Proverbs 26:27)

- V. Faith in God brought glory to God (v. 25-28)
 - A. The King told the world to honor the God of Daniel
 - B. The King <u>praised</u> the God of Daniel

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations." (Psalm 145:13)

C. Daniel <u>prospered</u> as he served God