

sermon notes

June 10, 2026 | Levi Hartsfield, Messiah Bible Church | **Daniel - Every Knee Will Bow** | Signed – Sealed – Delivered | Daniel 6:1–28

Sermon Outline

Fill in the blank as we walk through Daniel 6.

1. Daniel _____ God. (in prayer, and in His Word)
2. _____ God leads to _____ God. (“God has revealed Himself”)
3. _____ God leads to _____ God. (“The fear of man is a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.” — Prov. 29:25)
4. _____ God leads to _____ God. (at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory and praise of God! — Phil. 2)

Takeaways

- A. Seeking God in prayer and the Word is the root of a faithful life.
- B. Knowing God — His character and His promises — is what makes trust possible under pressure.
- C. The fear of man is a snare; trusting the Lord is safe.
- D. God is the Deliverer. Even when He does not shut the lions’ mouths, He is glorified and His people are held.

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

The pattern Daniel models — seeking, knowing, trusting, glorifying — reaches its fullness in Jesus, the greater Daniel. Facing a far deeper pit, Jesus regularly slipped away to seek the Father in prayer, He knew the Father perfectly, He trusted Him through the cross and the sealed tomb, and was raised to be glorified and given a name above all names so that every knee and tongue everywhere will bow and confess Jesus is LORD, to the glory and praise of God. Daniel’s rescue from the lions is a powerful example; Christ’s resurrection is the Power of God unto salvation. Read Hebrews 9:11–15 and Philippians 2:5–13 This is our salvation and this is our calling.

GET PERSONAL

Where are you most tempted to obey man rather than God? What would it look like this week to “leave the window open”?

Daniel’s courage in the den grew out of years of ordinary, faithful seeking God in prayer and His Word — not a burst of nerve in the moment. Do you think your current habits are building trust or erode confidence?

When you suffer, do you tend to relate to God as a beloved child under His care, or as someone trying to earn His favor? How does knowing who God is change that posture?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Remember Daniel prayed 3x per day “as he had done previously”. Set a fixed time and place to seek God in prayer and the Word daily this week. Sometimes it helps keep you committed if you tell someone what you’ve committed to.

Pick a passage about who God is (e.g., Romans 5:1-5; Romans 7:21-8:39; Psalm 19; Psalm 16; Jeremiah 17:5–18; Matthew 11:25-30; John 15) and meditate on it daily this week, asking God to turn knowing into trusting.

Read Daniel 9 and meditate on this pattern of Confession, Adoration/agreement with God, & Confidence in provision. How does it compare to a new testament example of proper prayer: The Lord’s Prayer?