

Intro:

Main Point of Text: In the face of death, Daniel continues to pray to his true God and praise Him.

Sermon Point: *Credit Christ all your life.*

Move 1: The world will set you up to take you down.

“the writing was signed”: Vss. 4-9: A jealous set up of a sanctified/respected man: vss. 1-3.

Move 2: But nothing should change a thing about your life and witness.

“three times a day”: Hebrew, “appointed” time. NT hours of prayer: Acts 2:1, 15; 3:1; 10:1, 9.

Psalm 55:17: *Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.*

“Daniel knew” in danger. Yet does “as he did aforetime”. Had resolve of Daniel 3:17-18.

Move 3: God is still God, and He only is God.

Daniel knows God reigns through all of this. Knows Who's in control/end of story: 2:19-21, 28a, 44-48; 4:34-37; 5:18, 22-23, 30-31. Rule of vss. 1-9: king should be only divine mediator. But 1 Tim. 2:5 is what Daniel's rule.

Move 4: Thus, there is still hope; there is always hope.

“his” God. Part of a chosen/redeemed people. In captivity, he keeps his windows open toward Jerusalem: where the temple is. Solomon's prayer: 1 Kings 8:33-34.

Move 5: So keep praising God like you always do.

“give thanks” in Hebrew can be “praise”. Daniel giving credit where due. Not going to wait 30 days on petitioning and praising God (vs. 7). Needs God/God is worthy every day/moment. God is over all. Daniel won't stop asking Him for help. Won't go through the pagan king. Goes straight to God through Jesus Christ. He won't give credit to any other than his God.

Conclusion:

HP: *Credit Christ all your life.*