



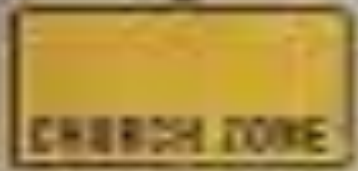
CHURCH ZONE

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No Longer Can You Straddle The Fence

Revelation 3:15-16 (NIV)

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Teach your children all you want: golf, fishing, running, sports, but first teach them Jesus Christ: this teaching will never happen if you are willing to straddle the fence with one foot in church and one foot in the world.

Daniel 6:1-3 (NIV)

¹ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. 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.

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Integrity: the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles, moral righteousness.

Standard: a level of quality, [*God's standards*]

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Daniel 6:4 (NIV)

⁴ At this, 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. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith.....

Daniel had God's favor, therefore he had the King's favor; people will always take notice when you are going places and they are not.

- *Because of God's favor the people could not find anything to charge Daniel with: he was not corrupt, he was not negligent, but trust worthy, living by God's standards, so they attempted to use God against Daniel.*

How has the world changed the face of Christianity?

- *First* prayer was taken out of school.
- *Second* the Ten Commandments were ordered off the walls of our courthouses.
- *Third* abortion was legalized.
- *Fourth* you can no longer talk freely in the world place about Jesus Christ.
- *Fifth* the Bible have been taken away from many military bases.

- *Sixth* places of business: florist and bakeries sued for doing things that goes against God's standards.
- *Seventh* churches threatened not to speak politics or their 501C3 would be taken away.
- *Eight* our children can not write about God or speak of God in class or graduation ceremonies.
- *How much more are we going to give away?*

Daniel 6:7 (NIV)

⁷ The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions' den.

- *They are attempting to use the Word of God against him.*

Daniel placed his security in God. He was not going to place his faith in man but keep his faith in God. He had God's favor, therefore that was all he needed.

That is the importance as Psalm 91 says that those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the Shadow of the Almighty. That is where we say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress my God, in who I trust.

Daniel 6:10-11 (NIV)

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. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

What is important to see is Daniel's response:

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 has done before.

- *Same Daniel, same God.*

Daniel 6:13-14 (NIV)

¹³ Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day."¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

Daniel 6:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

We need to let God be God.

- They threw him in the lions den.
- Stone placed over the mouth of lions den.
- King sealed the lions den with his own signet ring so Daniels situation might not change.

Psalm 91:11-14 (NIV)

¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; ¹² they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. ¹⁴ "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

Daniel 6:19-22 (NIV)

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions.

The world is watching.

The world is looking for hope.

The world will see the power of God if we are
will to be the vessel He is allowed to pour it
out from.

Daniel 6:24 (NIV)

²⁴ At the king's command, the men who had falsely accused Daniel were brought in and thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. And before they reached the floor of the den, the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

The battle is His and so is the vengeance!



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