

INTRODUCTION

1. Daniel at this time was advanced in years.
  1. At his age he was not to be surprised by alarm nor driven into rashness.
  2. His character had been moulded into heavenly shape under the rough handling of oppression and persecution.

THE OBJECT OF THESE MEN Daniel 6:6-8

1. WAS THERE RUIN OF DANIEL

1. They could find no occasion against Daniel.
2. Their ultimate aim was evil from the first.
  1. That aim was to destroy Daniel at all cost.

2. THEY WERE ENVIOUS OF DANIEL. WHY? Dan. 6:3

1. Because he was preferred above all of them.
2. Why was Daniel preferred above them? Because:
  1. Because an excellent was found in him...
  2. Because the king set Daniel over the whole realm. Daniel 6:3

3. THE MURDEROUS PLOT OF ENVY.

1. If there be no law sufficient to crush; envious men will make one. That decree was:
  1. Whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man, save of thee, O king...
  2. The duration of that law: FOR THIRTY DAYS.
  3. The penalty of that Law: (Dan. 6:7)
    1. He shall be cast into the den of lions.

4. ENVY'S POWER TO DESTROY.

1. No tender or humane feeling can dwell in the same breast with envy.
2. Envy will gradually banish every virtuous occupant of the heart, and introduce instead the basest crew.
3. Envy will endeavour to hide her her final intentions.
4. It is a most perilous thing to harbour an evil principle in any corner of the heart.
5. "Keep thine heart with all diligence for out it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23

5. DANIEL DID NOT YIELD. Daniel 6:10

