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### **The Way Maker: Not A Scratch Was Found**

**Daniel 6:3-4** - Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire. <sup>4</sup> Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy.

- **His Personal Discipline Of Prayer**
- **The Enemy Will Often Try To Make You Think Your Strength Is Your Weakness**
- **Keep A Proper Perspective On Their Situation**

**Daniel 6:6-11** - So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! <sup>7</sup> We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. <sup>8</sup> And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." <sup>9</sup> So King Darius signed the law. <sup>10</sup> But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God. <sup>11</sup> Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help.

**Psalms 5:9** - My enemies cannot speak a truthful word. Their deepest desire is to destroy others. Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave. Their tongues are filled with flattery.

- **Continued His Habitual Fellowship With God**

**Psalms 55:17** - Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the Lord hears my voice.

- **Our Daily Time Of Meditation And Prayer**

**Daniel 6:12-14, 16, 18-24** - So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law...<sup>13</sup> Then they told the king, "That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day."<sup>14</sup> Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel. He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament...<sup>16</sup> So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you."...<sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn't sleep at all that night.<sup>19</sup> Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions' den.<sup>20</sup> When he got there, he called out in anguish, "Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?"<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, "Long live the king!"<sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty."<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and ordered that Daniel be lifted from the den. Not a scratch was found on him, for he had trusted in his God.<sup>24</sup> Then the king gave orders to arrest the men who had maliciously accused Daniel...

## **WHAT DO WE LEARN**

- **Daniels Integrity Reaped The Respect And Affection Of Those He Served.**
- **His Honesty And Loyalty To God Never Led Him To Compromise His Faith.**
- **Daniel's Devotion To God Brought Him Favor From Unbelievers In His Circle.**
- **When Used Of God, He Was Quick To Give God The Credit.**