

TUESDAY NIGHT

at the
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"A Question of Laws"

An in-depth Study of Daniel chapter 6

Subject: "The Lions in Daniel's Den"

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1. The book of Daniel now begins to lay great emphasis on the importance of laws and official writing. The question will arise again and again; is there an absolute law?
2. Notice that there is another change in the book of Daniel. Things are now becoming decidedly more ominous. Nebuchadnezzar did not ban the worship of Jehovah. Now we shall begin to see, beginning with Darius that ruler after ruler seeks to ban the worship of the God of Heaven until ultimately in this world men shall worship man, alone. This is what the Anti-Christ will seek to do and it will be Satans last dire attempt to take this planet from God. This chapter is the ominous pointer to the shape of things to come.
3. The underlying question in this particular chapter is the whole question of the supremacy of the law. It raises the distinction between man and animal, once more, and, asks is there truly an equality of every man under the law?
4. The lions in Daniel's den certainly used equality under the law as a very subtle cover for their raging jealousy. Daniel was not bigoted in disobeying the law but was actually showing that he was concerned for the salvation of men.
5. The marks of integrity:
 - (a) Daniel had an excellent attitude (6:3).
 - (b) Daniel was faithful in his work (6:4).
 - (c) Daniel had personal purity (6:4).
 - (d) Daniel was a man who had a consistent walk with God (6:10).
6. There is a power that can overcome animal instinct in all of us (6:22 and Romans 8:2-3).

"All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them."

J. Hudson Taylor

