



## THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

### **Realize That God Loves You.**

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16).*

### **The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.**

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God.” (Romans 3:23).*

### **God’s Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.**

*“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*

### **The Good News Is That Christ Paid for Our Sins.**

*“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8).*

### **We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ by Faith as Our Personal Saviour.**

The Bible Says, *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13).*



Memory Verse- Acts 5:29

*“Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said,  
We ought to obey God rather than men.”*

*Your  
Thoughts*

It is one thing to stay strong in your faith when circumstances around you favor your faith. What about when those circumstances change and rules or laws are put in place that would prohibit you from practicing your faith? Now what would you do? I believe we would all like to say we would not compromise and would unashamedly stand firm.

What if the consequences for practicing your faith could bring the loss of your friends, the loss of your job, jail time, or even worse, death? This is a growing reality in an increasing secular society. Resistance and persecution against followers of Jesus Christ is real.

Daniel has graduated from college and has been promoted to the second in command. He is now working for the third king. He has proven himself faithful to three kings and all those who are under him. He is a hard-working and honest man. He has shown the upmost integrity and character at work and in the community. Surely everyone would love a young man like this. Read Daniel 6:4-28.

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## A Real Enemy

How can people be against such a man of integrity and honesty like Daniel? It is because we have a real enemy! Please catch a hold of this. You have a real enemy that is against you. Read I Peter 5:8-9 and Ephesians 6:11-12. Satan is your enemy and he will work through people to tear you down.

Daniel had such a strong life story that his enemies could not find a way to tear him down in verse four. He had no skeletons in the closet or covered up lies. These enemies go to great lengths to trap Daniel. It is important to note they could only catch him in his faithfulness to God. They get the king to establish a law that no one can pray to anyone but the king for thirty days. These enemies knew Daniel would not go thirty days without praying.

Think about the laws and rules today in America that are similar. Prayer has been forbidden in many workplaces, school activities, and government activities. The Bible has been banned and sharing the gospel forbidden.

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## A Real Faith

As soon as Daniel hears about this new law he went and prayed in 6:10. Daniel immediately disobeyed the law. Notice Daniel prayed publicly and unashamedly. He opened his windows, knelt down, and prayed three times a day. Why not close the windows, sit in a chair so it does not look like you are praying, and do it super early or late. Why take the chance of getting caught?

The key is found in this statement, "as he did aforesaid." Daniel was not being obstinate. He was merely doing what he always did. This was just another day. The enemy knew this which is why they

devised this specific plan.

When should we go against the law of the land? Read Acts 5:17-29. Peter is faced with the same situation. He is forbidden to talk about Jesus. Notice his response, "we ought to obey God rather than men." We are to disregard the law of the land when that law causes us to go against what God has instructed us to do.

Daniel possessed a real faith. His faith is who he is and not something he does. He possess his faith and it is not just something the does on Sunday or Wednesday. God remained first in his life. He was willing to stay true in the face of deadly consequences.

## A Real God

God protected Daniel from the lions. Why did He? It says in verse 22-23 that Daniel was innocent and that Daniel believed in his God. Justice is served on Daniel's enemies. Read Romans 12:19-21. We have to leave revenge up to God.

God used Daniel's decision not to compromise in the face of death in a mighty way. Notice in 6:25-27 that King Darius makes a announcement to all people about Daniel's God. Thus God was glorified and His desire that all the earth may know that there is God in heaven was accomplished. What if Daniel had decided to hide his praying? God could not have used him to reveal himself to so many people.

What will you and I do in the face of such circumstances? This is very much a reality even in America. How can you ensure that you will not bend or break to pressure? Is it hard or do you shy away from praying over your meal with friends or in public. Do you fear saying the name of God or Jesus to those who do not believe? If so how will you or I stand strong in the face of jail time or death? God has to become a part of you and not just something you do on a certain day.

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