

1. Last week I gave you a few introductory points relating to Dan 6:4 and when time ran out I was teaching several principles found in verse four.
2. Before continuing with our analysis I want to give you an expanded translation of Dan 6:1-3.

Dan 6:1 Darius, at the urging of Cyrus, decided to divide the Kingdom into 120 provinces with a troika of Regional Managers.

Dan 6:2 Daniel was a member of the triumvirate. The purpose of the Regional Managers was to make sure the King was not cheated out of that which he considered to be his just "due" i.e. taxes and/or tribute.

Dan 6:3 Daniel so distinguished himself as a loyal and effective administrator that Darius let it be known he planned on promoting his Jewish friend to Vice President of the entire Empire, second only to the King himself.

Now let's return to our analysis of Dan 6:4. The verse has been translated in the KJV and NIV respectively:

KJV

Dan 6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

NIV

Dan 6:4 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.

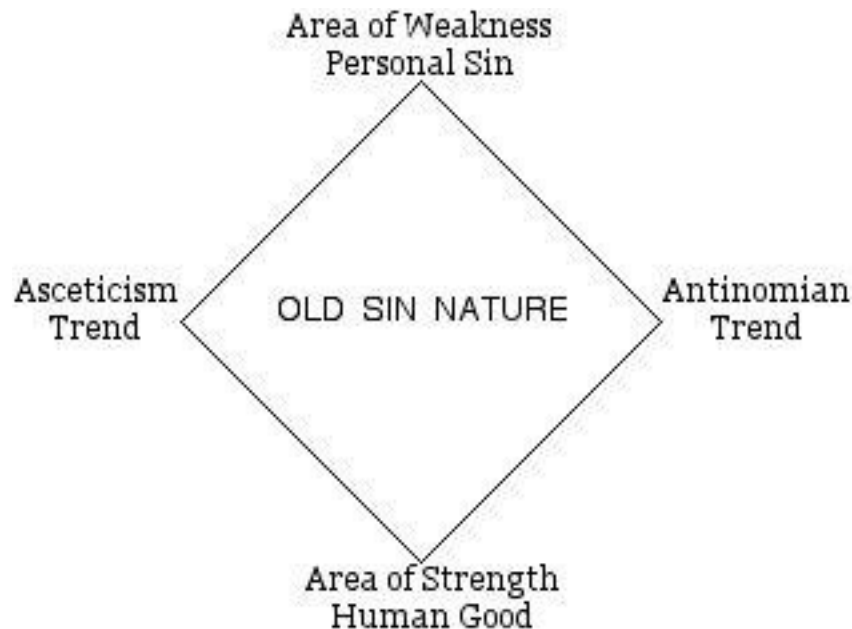
Now let's see what principles we can glean from verse four:

1. How often does success in the life of one individual arouse a chain reaction of mental attitude sins in those within his or her periphery!
2. While the personalities of Daniel's high ranking subordinates are unknown to us, their dissatisfaction with the royal choice of appointments is not!
3. The jealousy in their souls vented and focused against the outsider named Daniel.
 - 3.1 The discontent stemmed either from the fact that Daniel was a Jew or maybe from the fact that he was just so much smarter than the other two.

4. What is certain is that their pettiness and jealousy was an inevitable result of rejecting Daniel's authority; so accordingly they developed a plan to undermine him.
5. The operation of the old sin nature has not changed over the centuries.
6. Even today rebellion against authority permeates every level of our society and is a significant factor and an underlying cancer debilitating this country.
7. Jealousy poisoned the souls of the other "presidents". Jealousy is a terrible mental attitude sin.
8. "Sought" in verse four is a translation from the Peal active participle of BEAR and portrays the motivating factor by which a mental attitude sin becomes a weapon of destruction.
9. The Aphel infinitive of SEKACH is causative; accordingly the verb here means they charged others "to find" or "to obtain."
 - 9.1 It was the purpose of those envious officials to "obtain" or "grasp" any pretext of complaint or accusation and then use it against Daniel.
 - 9.1.1 The causative stem indicates they established a team to try to discover some error in the life of Daniel.
10. At one time or another you may wish to possess another's acclaim and/or success; but when that envious thought lingers it will give way to acts of maligning.
11. These evil men compounded their own self-induced misery.
12. "Could not" in the statement "they could not find occasion nor fault in him" is a translation from the Peal of JEKEL and means they "were not able"; all their efforts dead ended in the excellence of Daniel's performance of his duty.
13. How frustrating it must be to envy the good fortune of someone who is entirely without malice!
14. Remember that Bible doctrine resident in the soul causes a believer to function even beyond his human ability or talent; while Daniel possessed great natural genius in the realm of administration, doctrine made him a super genius.
15. Those men envious of Daniel were simply following the dictates of their Old Sin Natures, demonic possession/control or some combination of both.

16. The Old Sin Nature is that part of the soul's essence acquired originally by Adam's fall and subsequently through physical birth is the center of the soul's rebellion toward God.

17. The OSN has an area of weakness which produces personal sins, and an area of strength which produces human good.



18. The OSN has also a lust pattern, characterized by either a trend toward asceticism or lasciviousness.

19. The OSN is:

19.1 the "old man" of Eph 4:22;

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

19.2 the Adamic nature or "flesh" of Rom 8:3-4;

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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