

1. Last week I gave you a number of points relating to Dan 6:4 and our Old Sin Natures.
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.

3. Before we return to our study I want to give you the KJV and then the NIV translation of Dan 6:4:

#### 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.

1. It is most difficult to find fault with someone who constantly operates within the frame work of divine design.
2. They could not deny that Daniel "was faithful." The words was faithful is a translation from the Aphel participle of AMAN verifying that Daniel was "constantly caused to keep on believing."
3. Not once did he doubt God's ability to handle his life or the affairs of the empire. Faithfulness is always the principle of a believer's success with God and is so stated in Matthew 25:21:

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

4. Before we move forward with a study of Dan 6:5 let me give you an expanded translation of Dan 6:4:

Expanded Translation:

Dan 6:4 Then the other high ranking appointees, motivated by jealousy sought to destroy Daniel by either finding or conjuring some error in him; they carefully critiqued with a fine tooth comb all of his decisions and associations but could find nothing deserving of criticism. As a loyal man of doctrine he was impeccable consistently displaying expertise far and away ahead of his contemporaries; in fact the reports returning to his peers revealed we can find no fault in him whatsoever.

5. Now let's see what we can learn from verse five:

KJV

Dan 6:5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.

NIV

Dan 6:5 Finally these men said, "We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God."

1. Have you ever noticed that jealous people are always up tight? They lose their sense of humor and can never relax.
2. It is rare for a person to harbor this mental attitude sin and yet prevent it from eventuating in an overt act of vengeance.
3. Certainly these princes did not limit their antagonism to hostile thoughts against Daniel; they actively conspired to have him removed from office.
4. They scrutinized all of Daniel's decisions in order to find some error. He was constantly observed in the hope of finding some reason to denounce him as disloyal to the king.
5. All their intrigue came to naught, and his calculating adversaries had to admit: "We found no occasion against this Daniel."
6. There was one avenue still open: Daniel could possibly be caught in a web of spiritual activities a clever device that could only be concocted by desperate and vengeful minds!
7. Daniel had made no secret of his faith. Doubtless, he had proclaimed the gospel message too many of these men.

8. What a testimony, his life was placed under a microscope; nothing was found "wanting"; so they now find "fault" with His relationship with Jehovah God.

9. The other two leaders of the Persian Empire under Darius were motivated by a jealousy of a good man, a man like Job and Noah, a man whose wisdom was compared with that of even Satan - a man about to be named ruler of the Empire answering only to Darius; a man named Daniel.

Let's therefore review the Doctrine of Jealousy:

1. Jealousy is one of the most vicious facets of the old sin nature.
2. When someone is successful, there are always people who are jealous.
3. If the Lord is using and blessing you, you can expect to be the object of sour grapes.
4. Jealousy is a mental attitude sin that can lead to bitterness, envy, sins of the tongue, murder, etc.
  - 4.1 Jealousy can destroy the enjoyment of Category II love, i.e., love between the right man and right woman.

Son 8:6 Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death . . . jealousy is unyielding as the grave . . .

4.2 Jealousy can destroy anyone and can even lead to psychosis:

Job 5:2 Resentment kills a fool, and envy slays the simple.

Pro 14:30 A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.

5. It is a common reaction.

5.1 Many people have no problem with jealousy and then suddenly they fall in love and find themselves jealous.

5.1.1. If you feel strongly about something or someone it is then that jealousy, a horrific mental attitude sin, raises its ugly head.

5.1.2 Jealousy occurs wherever there are strong feelings.

5.1.3 Often siblings are jealous, athletes are jealous, pastors are jealous of each other, professional people are jealous of one another, church members are jealous of one another, business peers are jealous of each other, as are partners in crime etc.

5.2 The sin of jealousy includes the concepts of covetousness, envy, the inability to accept rivalry and the inability to positively accept the prosperity of others.

5.3 The mental attitude sin of jealousy is therefore related to the sins of judgment, pride, refusing to forgive others, wanting to be first, not wanting others to have things unless you too can have the same etc.

5.4 Jealousy, as a mental attitude sin is closely related to the heinous sin of pride.

5.5 The sin of pride is the first of the seven major sins listed in Proverbs 6:16-19

5.6 Rivalry is not part of God's plan because it is He who establishes authorities; He promotes and demotes.

1Ti 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

1Ti 2:2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1Ti 2:3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

Rom 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Psa 75:6 For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

Psa 75:7 But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

5.7 Matthew in chapter seven warns of judging; it is a terrible mental attitude sin with serious traumatic consequences and more often than not it has its dark roots in the mental attitude sin of jealousy and/or bitterness.

Mat 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged.

Mat 7:2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Mat 7:3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?

Mat 7:4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?

Mat 7:5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

5.8 God is the Mentor of every born again Christian and as such He from His omniscience and sovereignty has provided for us our very own spiritual life.

5.8.1 It is perfect and includes a host of others who are none of our business.

5.8.2 Authority realms are there to protect us from one another. This is especially necessary given our terrible propensity to judge and be jealous, bitter etc.

5.8.3 Jealousy often motivates revenge and revenge puts us nose to nose with God just asking for "His knockout punch".

Deu 32:35 To me belongeth vengeance and recompense; their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give proper place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

5.9 As the scripture says it is God who causes it to rain on the just and the unjust, therefore, there is no place in the realm of proper Christian thinking for jealousy. Mat 5:45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

5.10 If it didn't rain on the just and the unjust then there would be secular and not supernatural motivation to "believe and be saved".

6. The source of jealousy like all mental attitude sins is the old sin nature where mental attitude sins insidiously poison our souls.

6.1 This is understandable when one considers that the "heart" is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.

Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?"

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