



He rescues and He saves; He performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. Daniel 6:27

Learning At Home

Bible Study:



In this week's lesson, Darius' pride becomes a stumbling block that ends up putting Daniel in harm's way. On the advice of his administrators who hate Daniel, Darius creates a law that people can pray only to him. Daniel, however humbly follows God's ways, and God protects him.

Pride leads to independence and self-righteousness; humility is at the root of putting trust in God.

The theme of pride has been evident throughout Daniel. We saw Nebuchadnezzar learn humility through the events in chapters 1-4. And last week we saw that his son Belshazzar DID NOT. Despite having full knowledge of his father's transformation, Belshazzar pridefully followed his own ways. And God judged him accordingly.

Darius' pride causes him to stumble, but God uses the incident to humble Darius, and open his eyes to the fact that God is the one true God. The story ends with Darius' proclamation:

"I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel.

For he is the living God,
and he will endure forever.
His kingdom will never be destroyed,
and his rule will never end.
He rescues and saves his people;
he performs miraculous signs and wonders
in the heavens and on earth.
He has rescued Daniel
from the power of the lions."

(Daniel 6:26-27)

The gospel in the story:



The good news is that God is the One who can save, AND He does save (Jesus' name means "God is salvation"). And the great news is that He saves those who don't even deserve it. Though Daniel was a devout follower, it wasn't his righteousness that caused God to save him; Daniel was a sinner like all others (Daniel 9:20) and yet God chose to graciously pour out His favor on him. He did that for the express purpose of bringing glory to HIMSELF. Daniels' life is a testimony of one who put his faith in God regardless of circumstances.