<u>"The Lord Can Still Work"</u> Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 36 – Daniel 6:1-28 May 26, 2019

I. The Account of Daniel 6

- A. Its Historicity
 - 1. Liberal scholars/historians have consistently denied that the Biblical Darius was a real person.
 - 2. Newer and better research has provided solid attestation that the Biblical Darius existed, just as Dan. 6 maintains.
- B. Its Similarities to Daniel 3's Fiery Furnace Account
 - 1. Both show us jealous conspirators.
 - 2. Both involve self-important kings
 - 3. In both, God's servants remain faithful in dire circumstances; and the Lord with them in the midst of trial.
 - 4. In both, God's servants were miraculously rescued.
 - 5. At the end of both, Pagan kings call for universal praise to the Lord.
- C. Its Dissimilarities to Daniel 3's Fiery Furnace Account
 - 1. Darius was duped.
 - 2. Darius wanted Daniel to be delivered and agonized over his fate.
 - 3. After Daniel's rescue, Darius judged the enemies of Daniel.

II. Reflections for Today

- A. Though Darius was unprincipled and passive, the Lord's purposes were still carried out.
- B. Though Darius was bound by silly tradition, the Lord's intentions were still accomplished.
- C. Jesus remained faithful in the face of unprincipled rulers and corrupt, man-made systems.