**Together Let Us Build Our Great Nation Again**

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*Daniel 6:1-10*

It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, **2**with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. **3**Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. **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. **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.”

**6**So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! **7**The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. **8**Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” **9**So King Darius put the decree in writing.

**10**Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

**What is needed in building a great nation:**

1. Character (Daniel 6:4)
2. Competency (Daniel 6:3)
3. Collaboration (Daniel 6:4a)
4. Corruption (Daniel 6:4b)

**What is needed on the part of all Malaysians:**

1. Commitments
2. Convictions
3. Cost
4. Courage

**What is called forth on the part of us who are Christians?**

1. Be prayerful (1 Tim 2:1-4)
2. Be different (John 17:15,16, Romans 12:2)
3. Be intentional (Ephesians 5:15,16)