



Ambassadors

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Definition: An ambassador is an official representative or diplomat sent by one country to another, usually to manage diplomatic relations and promote the interests of their home country.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives *light to everyone* in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, *that they may see* your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. *By this* everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, *that you may declare* the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

"We are therefore *Christ's ambassadors*, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

"Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale, and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking."

Daniel 5:5-6

"There is a man in your kingdom who has the *spirit of the holy gods* in him. In the time of your father, he was *found to have insight and intelligence* and wisdom like that of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners."

Daniel 5:11

"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."

Daniel 6:3

“...but they were unable to do so. They could find *no corruption in him*, because he was *trustworthy* and neither *corrupt nor negligent*.”

Daniel 6:4

“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.”

Daniel 6:5

“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*.”

Daniel 6:10

“So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

Daniel 6:12

“Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.”

Daniel 6:13

“So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “*May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!*”

Daniel 6:16

“Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.”

Daniel 6:18

“My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

Daniel 6:22

“I issue a decree that in *every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel*” “For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”

Daniel 6:26-27

"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, *for my power is made perfect in weakness.*' Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that *Christ's power* may rest on me."

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)