

DANIEL 6; July 14; Praying Daniel Is Delivered From Lions

ANALYSIS:

1. What was Daniel's reputation as a member of the king's court? _____

2. How did jealous officials scheme to get rid of Daniel?

3. When Daniel knew of the law which prohibited him praying to God, what did he do? _____
4. When the king was forced to enforce the law on Daniel, what did he say to Daniel as he was cast into the den of lions?

5. After a night among the lions, what is Daniel's report?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

This chapter is about Daniel's godly reputation. He is known for his excellent spirit. He is preferred over his co-officials in the king's government. They can find no fault in him, for he is faithful, and makes no errors that would damage the king. His enemies draft a decree against prayer to God which they know he will violate. The king labors long to excuse Daniel when he learns the new law has put Daniel at risk. The king recognizes Daniel's service to God. The king proclaims a decree honoring the God of Daniel. The kings of the Medes and Persians continue to prosper Daniel.

When Daniel knew a decree had been signed which made him an offender if he prayed, he did as was his custom. With windows open, three times a day, upon his knees, he prayed and gave thanks! Would you? "Dare to be a Daniel! Dare to stand alone! Dare to have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known!" (Philip P. Bliss).

Are you sometimes afraid? Take courage! Paul prayed: "The Father ... grant you ... to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man" (Eph 3:14-17). Paul testified: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil 4:13).

HELP:

1. Daniel was preferred above the other officers because of an excellent spirit, no fault could be found in him, he was faithful, he made no errors or damage to the king (vs 3-4).
2. They drafted a law, got the king to sign it, which forbade an person asking a petition of any God but only of the king for 30 days, or be cast into the den of lions (vs 5-7).
3. He knelled upon his knees three times a day and prayed, gave thanks, as he did aforesaid (v 10).
4. Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee (v 16).
5. My God hath sent his angel and hath shut the lion's mouths, that they have not hurt me... (v 22).