

Daniel, Lesson 7: From the Lions' Den to the Angel's Den

The Study of Daniel Chapter 6

Memory Verse

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Daniel was Spirit possessed

Daniel 6:2–3 (NKJV) and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. ³ Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because *an excellent spirit was in him*; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. **Daniel 5:11**

John 1:32 (NKJV) And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him.

(1) Jealous Souls

Mark 15:8–10 Then the multitude, crying aloud, began to ask him to do just as he had always done for them. But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" **For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.**

Galatians 5:19–21 (NKJV) Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, **jealousies**, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ **envy**, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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> *John 18:38 (NKJV) And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find **no fault** in Him at all."

(2) The Plot Against Daniel

A Religious Law Regarding Worship

Matthew 12:14 (NKJV) Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

They Spied On Him God's people are going to be scrutinized!

Luke 20:20 (NKJV) So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him to the power and the authority of the governor.

Daniel 6:7 "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions. (30 days in Daniel 12 also)

John 19:7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God."

The sad thing is that many of us if told we could not pray to God, would never be arrested. Is it ok to disobey temporarily? Sabbath, Tithe, little compromises just 30 days. Tie your shoes when the music plays.

(3) Daniel's Prayer

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his **upper room**, with his **windows open toward Jerusalem**, he **knelt down on his knees** three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was **his custom** since early days.

> *Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And **as His custom was**, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Acts 17:2 Then Paul, **as his custom was**, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

Psalms 22:21 **Save Me from the lion's mouth** And from the horns of the wild oxen! **Be bold about what you believe.**

Like a cuckoo clock he opened his windows at the same time every day.

He could've closed his windows and prayed in his closet.

He could have prayed quietly just sniffing the fresh air.

He could've prayed standing up.

He could've prayed once very early before he would be noticed.

Or pray with his back towards Jerusalem so no one sees his face.

Daniel Read the Scriptures

Daniel 9:2 *in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish*

>***Psalms 55:17** *Evening and morning and at noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.*

2 Chronicles 6:21 *"And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place.*

The word is our rock, our sword, our bread.

Psalms 119:9 *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.*

Psalms 119:11 *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!*

Satan well knew that the Holy Scriptures would enable men to discern his deceptions and withstand his power. It was by the word that even the Savior of the world had resisted his attacks. At every assault, Christ presented the shield of eternal truth, saying, "It is written." To every suggestion of the adversary, He opposed in the wisdom and power of the word. In order for Satan to maintain his sway over men, and establish his authority, he must keep them in ignorance of the Scriptures...-GC pg: 51

The King's Law Could Not Change

Daniel 6:8 *"Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it **cannot be changed**, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter." Herod, Ahasuerus, Jephthah*

(4) In the Lions' Den

1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

Psalms 91:13,14 *You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.*

God gave Samson and David victory over the lion

There's a story about a man in New York City who was always walking around snapping his fingers. Someone asked him why he did it. "Oh," he said, "it's to keep the lions away." "But there haven't been any lions in New York City for many, many years." To which he replied, with a hint of triumph in his voice, "Effective, isn't it?"

- Faith like Daniel's cannot be shaken because it is the result of having been shaken.

(5) Daniel Was Faithful

Hebrews 11:33 *who through faith ... stopped the mouths of lions, Daniel witnessed through his business dealings.*

Daniel 6:4 *So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but **they could find no charge or fault**, because **he was faithful**; nor was there any error or fault found in him.*

There is a connection between his being full of faith, and faultless. Saved by faith. **He was faithful in a foreign land. Like Jesus.**

Daniel 6:5 *Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel **unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God**." The final issues will revolve around the law of our God.*

John 14:30 (NKJV) *I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.*

Integrity

Before giving a test in mathematics, professor at Vanderbilt would put things in perspective for his students by admonishing his class by saying: "Today I am giving two examinations: one in trigonometry, and the other in honesty. I hope you will pass them both. But, if you must fail one, fail trigonometry. There are many good people in the world who cannot pass trigonometry, but there are no good people in the world who cannot pass the examination of honesty."

Similarities Between Daniel and Jesus

1. Daniel and Jesus were never married.
2. Daniel and Jesus came from a royal bloodline of David.
3. They had spies following Jesus and Daniel from envy.
4. It was declared of both, there was no fault found in them.
5. They're both recognized as being Spirit filled.
6. Both are known for exceptional wisdom. **Ezekiel 28:3** *Behold, you are wiser than Daniel!* **Mark 6:2** *Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, ...!"*
7. Daniel prays before a great trial like Jesus in the garden.
8. At the Last Supper Jesus gives thanks.
9. Daniel goes to the lion's den before sunset.
10. While Daniel is in the den the palaces and morning.
11. A stone with a government seal is placed on the door.
12. The king removes the stone very early in the morning.
13. Daniel emerging alive from the lion's den is a type of resurrection.
14. The Lions could not hurt Daniel because he was innocent.

The Word is Food for the Soul

Jeremiah 15:16 *Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart;*

Job 23:12 *I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.*

Matthew 4:4 *But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"*

Daniel Prayed

DANIEL CHOSE CHARACTER OVER COMFORT.

DANIEL CHOSE LOVE OVER LIFE

The best time for prayer is not found, its made.

Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be molded more and more after the life of Christ.- Steps to Christ pg: 70

"The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray." (Samuel Chadwick)

Like us, Daniel was a stranger in a strange land controlled by a king who wanted the homage that belong to God. Daniel was praying toward Jerusalem. Like a cuckoo clock, three times a day the neighbors watched him come out and pray.

Daniel Was Like Jesus

Daniel 6:14 *And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.*

Deuteronomy 16:6 *"but at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt.*

- D. L. Moody said he envisioned Daniel actually using one of the lions as a pillow that night.
It is hard enough to sleep with someone who SNORES, just imagine trying it with several who ROARS!

Lions Rescue, Guard Beaten Ethiopian Girl 6-21-05

By ANTHONY MITCHELL ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) - A 12-year-old girl who was abducted and beaten by men trying to force her into a marriage was found being guarded by three lions who apparently had chased off her captors, a policeman said Tuesday.

The girl, missing for a week, had been taken by seven men who wanted to force her to marry one of them, said Sgt. Wondimu Wedajo, speaking by telephone from the provincial capital of Bita Genet, about 350 miles southwest of Addis Ababa.

She was beaten repeatedly before she was found June 9 by police and relatives on the outskirts of Bita Genet, Wondimu said. She had been guarded by the lions for about half a day, he said.

"They stood guard until we found her and then they just left her like a gift and went back into the forest," Wondimu said.

"If the lions had not come to her rescue, then it could have been much worse. Often these young girls are raped and severely beaten to force them to accept the marriage," he said.

Tilahun Kassa, a local government official who corroborated Wondimu's version of the events, said one of the men had wanted to marry the girl against her wishes.

"Everyone thinks this is some kind of miracle, because normally the lions would attack people," Wondimu said.

Stuart Williams, a wildlife expert with the rural development ministry, said the girl may have survived because she was crying from the trauma of her attack.

*Man-Eating Lions Of Tsavo

For nine months, between 1898 and 1899, two infamous man-eating lions of Tsavo terrorized workers employed in the construction of a railway bridge in Uganda. As the death toll rose, construction was brought to a virtual standstill. You can understand why the workers refused to continue until protection could be provided. Finally, the reign of terror was brought to an end when Lieut. Col. J. H. Patterson succeeded in tracking and killing the two lions which by that time had devoured over 100 men! (There is a great debate over the exact number.) The stuffed lions are now on permanent display at the Field Museum in Chicago.

The most prolific of the man-eaters, this pride of 15 claimed hundreds of lives—perhaps as many as 1,500—of lives between 1932 and 1947 in southern Tanzania. [Karen was attacked and bitten by a lion in Africa](#)