



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Bible Band

Lesson 9 July 28, 2026

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

Background Reading:

- ❖ Psalm 27:1
- ❖ 55:17
- ❖ Romans 3:23
- ❖ Luke 16:10
- ❖ Revelation 2:10

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Daniel 6:16-24

Guided Questions

1. What motivated Daniel's prayer life?
2. What was he told about the restoration?
3. How can a believer always pray?
4. When Daniel made the confession of sin, why did he include himself?

Background Reading

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

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

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Devotional Reading

Daniel 6:16-24

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.

17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Devotional Reading

Daniel 6:16-24

21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.

22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.

23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

24 And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

Central Verse

Daniel 6:22 (KJV)

“My God hath sent His angel and hath shut the lion’s mouths, that they have not hurt me: for as much as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, have I done no hurt.”

INTRODUCTION

Daniel, as a prominent figure in the Old Testament, is renowned for his unwavering faithfulness to God amidst challenging circumstances. He was named among the major prophets in the Old Testament. He lived a life of devotion, integrity, and divine intervention. He was taken from Jerusalem as a youth to Babylon. As a captive, he showed himself strong as a young man faithful to the foundational truths that he had been taught. He refused to participate in ungodly living and remained faithful to God.

INTRODUCTION

Daniel's life was a legacy of faithfulness in the face of adversity. His commitment to God, even when he was confronted with the threat of death, highlights the importance of steadfast devotion and trust in God's sovereignty. Daniel's account continues to inspire believers to remain faithful, regardless of the circumstances, trusting in God's ultimate plan and provision.

DISCUSSION

Daniel had the survival skills to overcome any adversity that came his way. He may have gotten knocked down a bit, but because he was a faithful warrior of God, he was able to get back up and continue to persevere, knowing a victorious ending was near. God equipped him with the tools to help him conquer anything that the devil sent after him. Just as God helped Daniel, He will send strength to every believer who asks, trusts, and believes in Him. God's provision is enough. His presence is constant, and His purpose is unstoppable.

DISCUSSION

All believers must know that the God we serve is faithful, and He will direct and order our steps. Believers must put their trust in God and allow Him to lead their hearts as they may sway through the opinions and thoughts of others in life.

After Daniel had interpreted the handwriting on the wall, Babylon came under the leadership of King Darius, who gave Daniel a prominent position for his outstanding work. This Jewish captive in a heathen land knew and served the true God, faithfully talking to Him daily.

DISCUSSION

The other leaders spied on Daniel, hoping to catch him doing wrong; instead, they found him faithful in work and worshipping God. The other leaders felt threatened and resentful because Daniel was doing what was right. Jealousy is a cruel emotion to have toward others. These men were jealous of Daniel, and jealousy is sin. Jealousy puts murder in a person's heart. Believers must remember that every human has sinned, but they should make sure that jealousy is not found in their hearts. Jealousy is as cruel as the grave ([Song of Solomon 8:6](#)).

DISCUSSION

Because these men were jealous of Daniel, they sought to use his faithfulness against him. So, the scheming leaders used flattery to trick the king into signing a decree which stated that all prayers must be addressed to the king. But the believers must remember that God takes what Satan intends for evil and turns it for His good and His glory. Because Daniel had a relationship with God, he was able to stay calm and face the evil and not be shaken by the new decree.

DISCUSSION

Daniel knew that kings often thought of themselves as gods and they loved the thought of someone bowing to them. Pride kept King Darius from seeing the true reason for the decree. It led him to accept worship that belonged to God, and it put his friend Daniel in a very difficult situation. The decree said the penalty for disobedience was death by being thrown into the lion's den.

DISCUSSION

By this time Daniel was an 80 year-old man and the Chief Administrator of the Persian Empire. He had been in captivity for 66 years. Because he knew what God had done for him all the years that he had been in captivity, he chose to continue being faithful, praying as he always did, even if it meant death. When a believer knows Jesus as their Lord and Savior, they can count on God helping them to be steadfast and faithful to Him. Daniel had committed his heart and mind to being faithful and pleasing God. He could not afford to allow the pressure of that decree to keep him from doing what was right. For when a believer knows to do right and chooses not to do so, he commits a sin.

DISCUSSION

Daniel said that he would always bless the Lord and His praises would always be in Daniel's mouth. Just as God helped Daniel to continue being faithful, He will do that for any of His children. Daniel's enemies accused him before the King, but he was powerless to change the law of the Medes and the Persians. The King struggled to try to excuse Daniel, but he could not. Once the royal seal was put on a decree, no one could change it.

CONCLUSION

King Daris reluctantly commanded that Daniel be thrown into the lion's den, but he encouraged him to trust his God. Darius had seen the mighty works that God had done through and for Daniel. King Daris wanted to help Daniel, but he could not. But the same God who had kept Daniel faithful all of his life was yet there to help him.

As Daniel faced the lions who were very hungry, Darius could not sleep, so he spent the night fasting. He rose early in the morning and went to the lion's den. He went in haste unto Daniel, saying, "Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thou God who thou servest continually, able to deliver you from the lions?"

CONCLUSION

Daniel answered the King and let him know that God had seen the situation and had not allowed the lion to harm him in any way. King Darius made another decree, which commanded everyone in that providence to recognize that Daniel's God was the true God.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

When a believer is faithful to God, He will be faithful to them.

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