

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: Daniel – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: Daniel 6:1-28 – God’s supernatural protection of Daniel in the den of lions!**

Today’s Message:  
“The Lion’s Den”



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned of the few kings that followed Nebuchadnezzar and the fall of the great Babylonian empire. The amazing historical fulfillment of God’s prophecies caused our faith to grow! Today, we will see a new king and a new plot to destroy God’s prophet. The governmental leaders will deceive the king to write a new law that goes **AGAINST** the law of God. We will be blessed to learn that Daniel lived a blameless life; the only way the devil could trap him was in his **OBEDIENCE** to God. What an example for us to follow. And in the matter of the lions, Daniel’s God was indeed able to save! This is no fairy tale... and the word of God is able to **HELP** you. This is God’s message to you today...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text Daniel 6:1-28

#### #1. The Trap of Deception – Daniel was made **FIRST** ruler in the kingdom.

#### AND OVER THESE THREE PRESIDENTS; OF WHOM DANIEL WAS FIRST

- ✓ It pleased Darius to establish leaders over his kingdom.
  - In **6:1**, Darius chose 120 princes to lead his entire kingdom.
  - In **6:2-3**, Darius chose 3 leaders over the 120 princes – Daniel was first.
  - Daniel was PREFERRED... “because an excellent spirit was **IN HIM**.” **1Cor 6:19**
    - ❖ Praise the Lord, his faithfulness to God did not waiver!

**1 Corinthians 10:31**  
Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

#### THEN THE PRESIDENTS AND PRINCES SOUGHT TO FIND OCCASION AGAINST DANIEL

- ✓ The other leaders were full of ENVY and PRIDE against Daniel and his God.
  - In **6:4**, they sought to find OCCASION against Daniel concerning the kingdom.
    - ❖ Praise the Lord, they could find **NONE** occasion nor fault! **Titus 2:11-14**  
**Blameless** (W1828) – without fault; innocent; guiltless; not meriting censure.
  - In **6:5**, the governmental leaders focused their attack on **OBEDIENCE** to God.
  - In **6:6-9**, the governmental leaders lied to the king; made a law **AGAINST** God.

**Philippians 2:15**  
That ye may be **blameless and harmless**, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye SHINE AS LIGHTS in the world;

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Making disciples and caring for souls!

Does any of this sound familiar?

**#2. The Testimony of Faithfulness – the law did not affect Daniel’s OBEDIENCE.**

**NOW WHEN DANIEL KNEW THAT THE WRITING WAS SIGNED**

The Law of the Medes and Persians  
No decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

✓ Daniel understood the law and chose to OBEDY God’s word.

**Acts 5:29**  
Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, **We ought to obey God rather than men.**

**Proverbs 25:19**  
Confidence in **an unfaithful man in time of trouble** is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

- In **6:10**, Daniel PRAYED to God three times a day *as he did aforesaid*.
- In **6:11**, the evil leaders were SPYING on him and FOUND him praying as usual.
- In **6:12-13**, they brought the matter to the king and ACCUSED Daniel of crimes.
- In **6:14**, the king was *displeased with himself*; laboured all day to save Daniel.
  - 1) He had only listened to his TRUSTED advisors which HAD LIED to him.
  - 2) He had not taken TIME to do HIS OWN research on ALL sides of the issue.
  - 3) He did not get COUNSEL from the MAN of God or the WORD of God.
- In **6:15**, the **evil leaders** were HAPPY to see Daniel wrongfully CONVICTED.

**#3. The Den of Lions – God was a very present HELP in time of trouble.**

**HISTORICAL APPLICATION**

**Psalm 46:1**  
God is our refuge and strength, a very present **HELP** in TROUBLE.

**Daniel 3:17**  
If it be so, our God whom we serve is **ABLE** to DELIVER us...

- ✓ Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions.
  - In **6:16**, the king commanded Daniel to be CAST IN saying God would deliver him!
  - In **6:17**, a STONE was brought and SEALED with the signets of the king and lords.
- ✓ The king rose up early in the morning to find Daniel alive and without hurt.
  - In **6:18-19**, the king could not sleep and arose EARLY in the morning with haste.
  - In **6:20**, the king cried to Daniel, *“Is thy God... able to deliver thee from the lions?”*
  - In **6:21-23**, Daniel said God had sent His angel and shut the mouths of the lions!
  - In **6:24**, the king commanded FALSE ACCUSERS (and families) to be cast to lions!
  - In **6:25-28**, the king wrote a decree to his kingdom to fear and honour our God!

**PROPHETIC APPLICATION**

**Matthew 27:66**  
So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, **SEALING** the STONE...

**Hebrews 11:33**  
Who through FAITH... STOPPED the mouths of THE LIONS.

- ✓ Daniel’s life and testimony becomes an incredible PICTURE and type of Christ!
  - *The honour bestowed, the envy of others, the hatred and plot to murder, false accusations, the sealing of the stone, the early morning haste, the man of God is alive, the ill-fate of the betrayers, the exaltation in the end!*
- ✓ Daniel and THE DEN OF LIONS prophetically teach of Jews during TRIBULATION!
  - In the Tribulation, the Jewish remnant will be supernaturally PROTECTED by God!
- ✓ The LION, the adversary of God and His people, will have his mouth STOPPED!

**DEVOTIONAL APPLICATION**

**2 Timothy 4:17**  
Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me... and I was DELIVERED out of the mouth of THE LION.

- ✓ Your adversary THE DEVIL, **as a roaring lion**, seeks DAILY to DEVOUR you!
- ✓ God is **your** refuge and strength, **your** EVER-PRESENT HELP in time of TROUBLE!
- ✓ Your God is ABLE to PROTECT you by His hand and grace... and will DELIVER you!

<p><b>1 Peter 5:8</b> <i>Be sober, be vigilant; because YOUR ADVERSARY the devil, as a roaring LION, walketh about, SEEKING whom he may devour...</i></p>	<p><b>Matthew 28:20</b> <i>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even unto the end of the world. Amen.</i></p>
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