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HEBREWS 12:1

A dramatic scene from the movie 'The Chosen' featuring Daniel, his friends, and a lion. Daniel, a man with a long grey beard and a brown fur cloak, stands in the center, looking upwards with a determined expression. To his left, a lion's head is visible, looking towards the center. To his right, three young men in blue robes are shown, looking towards the center with expressions of concern and hope. The background is a dark, stormy sky with a bright light breaking through the clouds, creating a dramatic and atmospheric setting.

DANIEL

"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."



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"If we are thrown into the blazing fire the God we serve will save us."

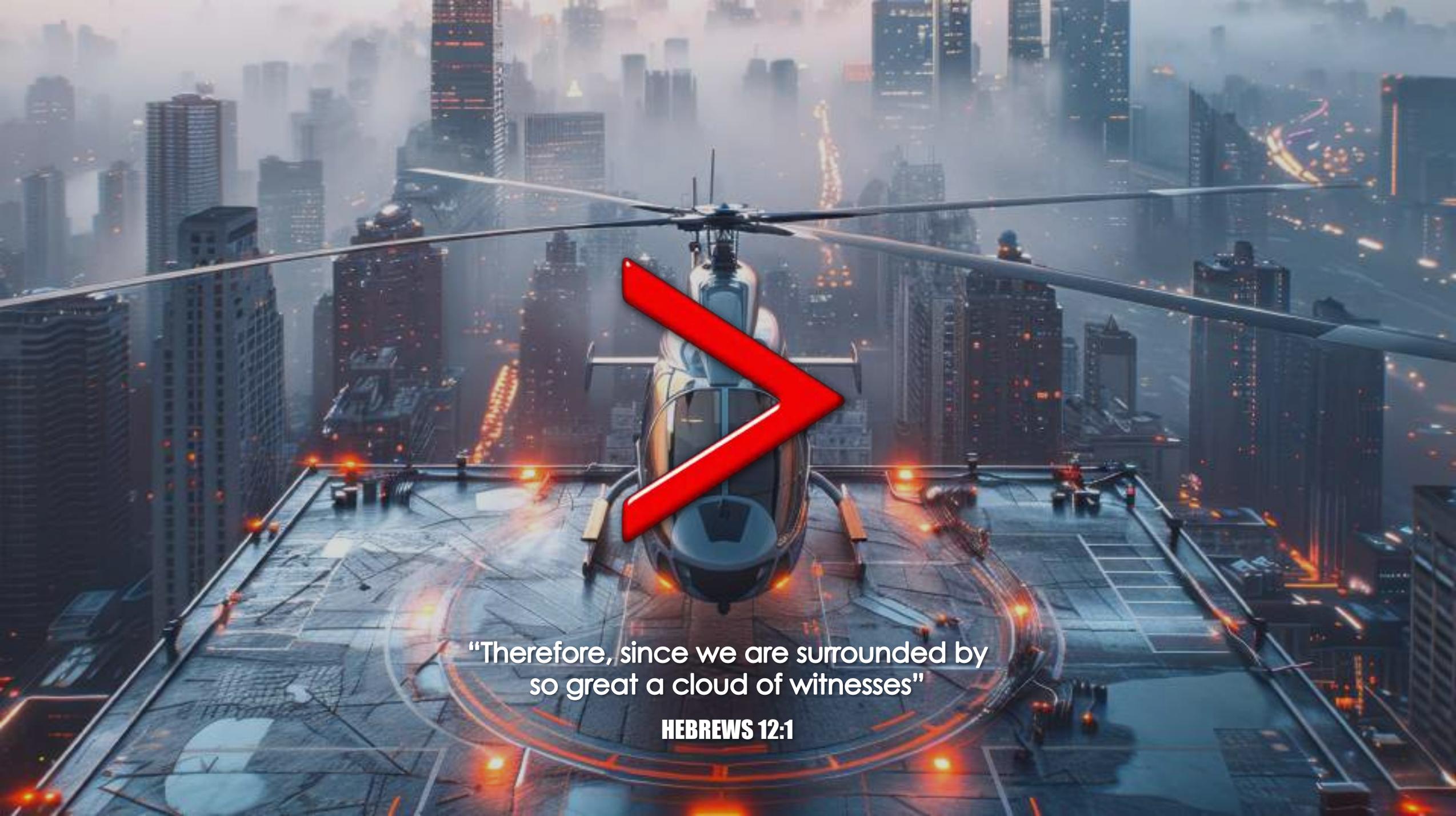
*But **EVEN IF** He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you,
Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or
worship the gold statue you have set up."*

A composite image featuring Daniel, the Lion of Judah, and the three young men from the Book of Daniel. Daniel is the central figure, a man with a grey beard and a brown fur cloak, looking upwards with a serious expression. To his left is the head of a lion, and to his right are the three young men, looking forward with concern. The background is a dramatic scene of a city at night, with a large crowd of people gathered in a courtyard. In the distance, a tall, golden statue stands on a pedestal, illuminated by a bright light. The sky is dark with a crescent moon and a large, glowing fire in the upper left corner, where several figures are walking. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and divine presence.

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"But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."





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THE LETTER TO THE
HEBREWS



HEBREWS 2:1-4

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HEIR

OF ALL THINGS

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OF GOD'S GLORY

EXACT

IMPRINT OF GOD

UPHOLDER

OF THE UNIVERSE

PURIFIER

OF SINS

SEATED

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THE **ETERNAL ONE**



Angels



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Declared by angels (vs. 2)

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Proven reliable (vs. 2)

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"How shall **we escape**
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A blue rowing boat is docked at a wooden pier on a lake. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding trees and sky. A red triangular warning sign with a yellow border and a white triangle inside is placed on the dock in front of the boat. The scene is set in a wooded area with fallen leaves scattered on the water's surface.

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I **am being** saved,
I **will be** saved."

Earl D. Radmacher

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JUSTIFICATION

SEPERATION FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN

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PROMISED ETERNAL LIFE!

"Whoever believes in Him will have eternal life" John 3:16

HELD IN HIS DIVINE GRIP!

"I give them eternal life, and no one can snatch them out of my hand" Luke 10:28-29

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US!

"Nor anything else in creation will be able to separate us from the Love of God." Rom. 8:38-39

SEALED FOR REDEMPTION!

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30

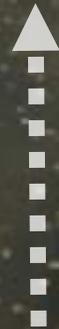
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GLORIFICATION

SEPERATION FROM THE PRESENCE OF SIN

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"Prone to **wander**, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love."

"**We must** pay much closer attention
to what **we have heard**, lest **we drift away** from it."

A composite image of a cockpit with a warning sign. The background is a detailed cockpit view from the pilot's perspective, showing the instrument panel, yoke, and throttle levers. The scene is set against a backdrop of a bright sun rising or setting through a layer of thick, white clouds. In the center of the cockpit, a red triangular warning sign with a white border and a white triangle inside is superimposed. The sign has a weathered, textured appearance. Below the sign, the words "SLOW SUBTLE SILENT" are written in a small, white, sans-serif font. On the left side of the cockpit, the text "IFR Instrument Flight Rules" is displayed in a white, sans-serif font. On the right side, the text "VFR Visual Flight Rules" is displayed in a similar font. The overall mood is dramatic and cautionary.

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Instrument Flight Rules

VACUUM

SLOW SUBTLE SILENT

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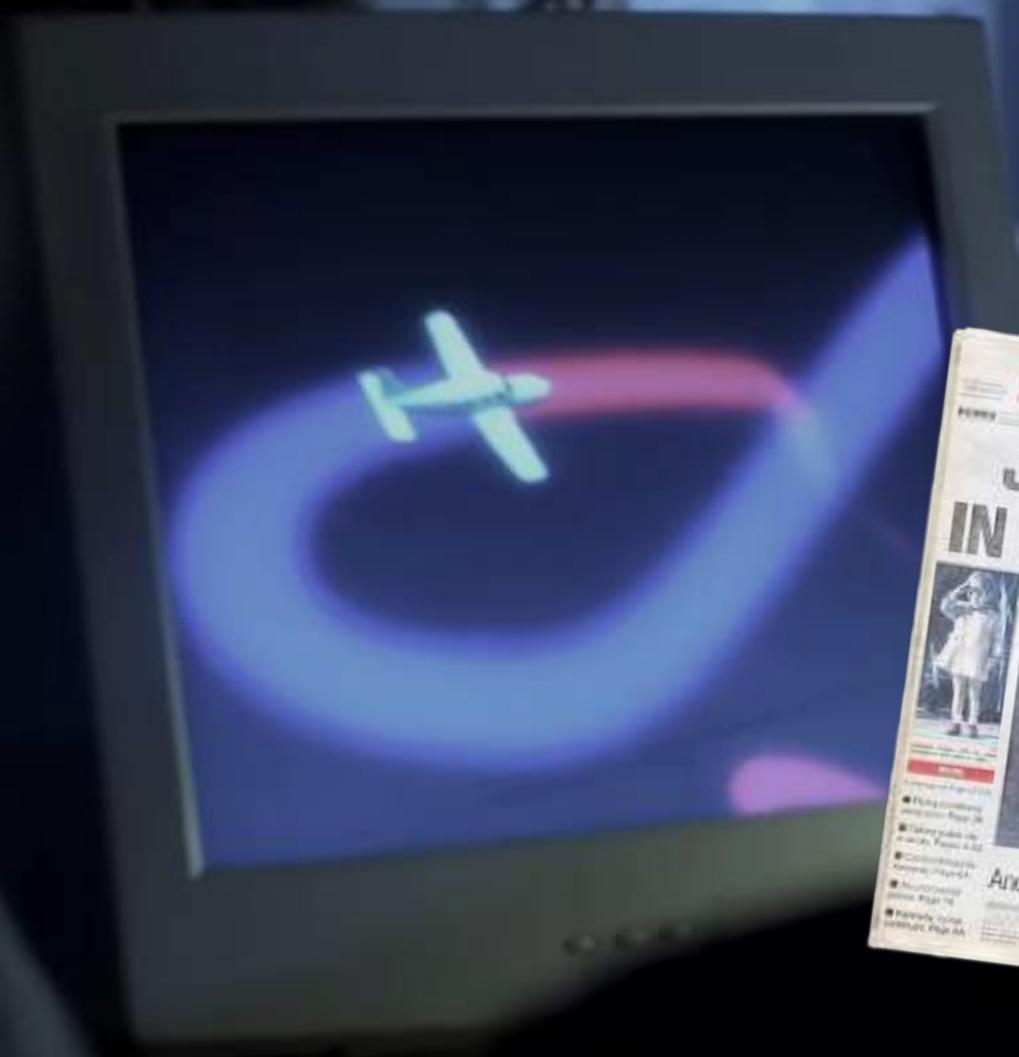


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HEBREWS 2:5-9

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FOUNDER

Of Salvation

HUMILITY

*"For a little while made
lower than the angels..."*

Son of Man

FULLY HUMAN, FULLY DIVINE



HEBREWS 2:10-13

10 For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.

11 For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers,

12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will sing your praise."

13 And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

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DIVINITY

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HEBREWS 2:14-18

14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, **He Himself likewise partook of the same things**, that through death He might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,

15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

16 For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham.

17 Therefore **he had to be made like his brothers in every respect**, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For because **He Himself has suffered when tempted**, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



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FULFILL GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MANKIND 2:5-9

TASTE DEATH FOR ALL 2:9

BRING SONS TO GLORY 2:10-13

DESTROY THE DEVIL'S POWER OF DEATH 2:14

DELIVER THOSE IN BONDAGE 2:15

MAKE PROPITIATION FOR SINS 2:17

BECOME THE HIGH PRIEST FOR MEN 2:16-17

PROVIDE HELP FOR THOSE IN TESTING 2:18

Son of Man

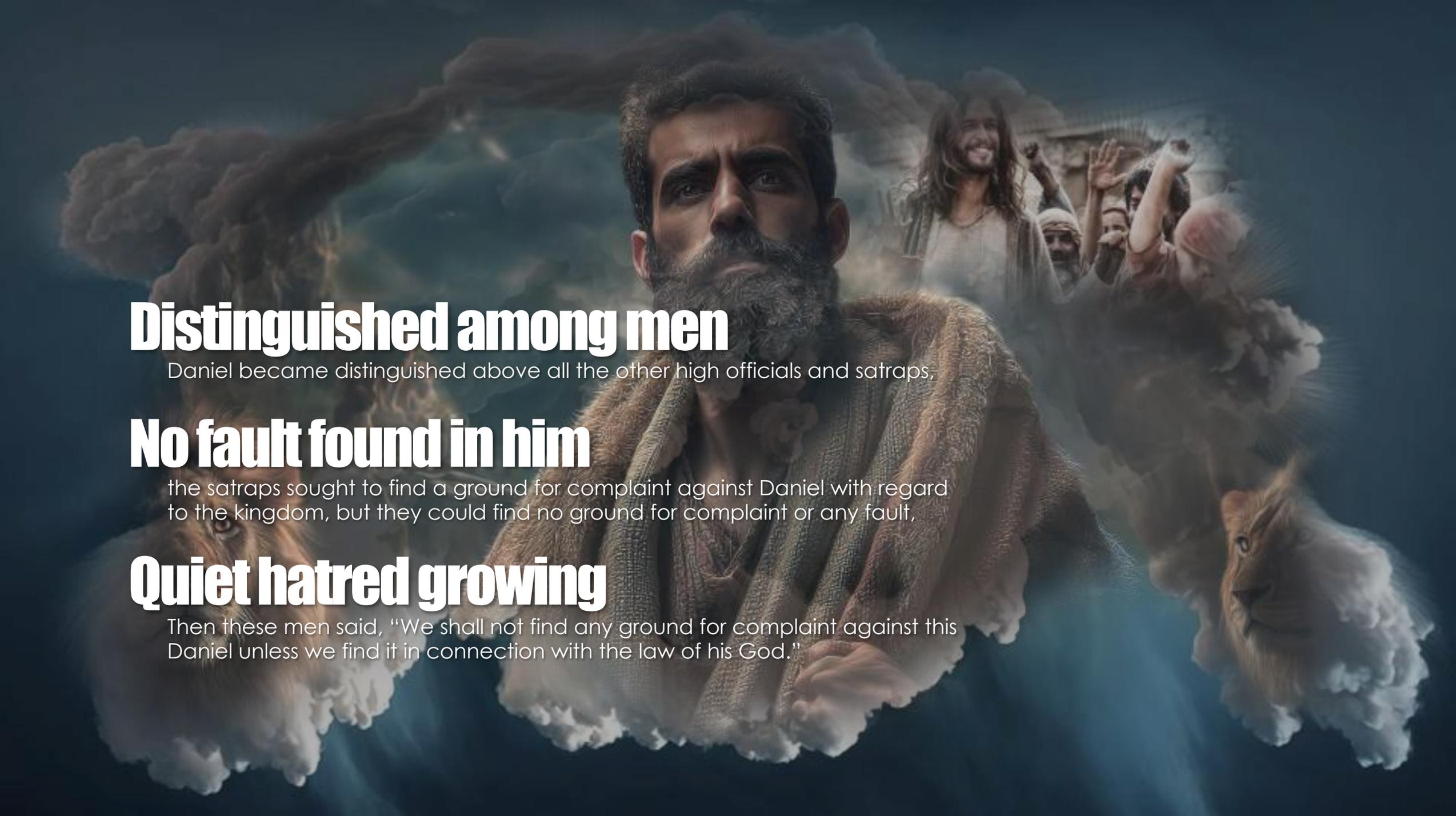
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Son of Man

"I was watching in the night visions. And behold, One like the Son of Man, coming in the clouds of heaven!"

DANIEL 7:13-14



Distinguished among men

Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps,

No fault found in him

the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault,

Quiet hatred growing

Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God."

A dramatic scene from the movie 'The Ten Commandments' featuring Moses, Pharaoh, and a lion against a cloudy sky. Moses is in the center, looking upwards with a determined expression. Pharaoh is in the background, looking towards the right. A lion is in the foreground on the right, looking towards the left. The scene is set against a dark, cloudy sky with a bright light source behind the clouds.

Secret Plot formed

"the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction.

Punishment by execution

That whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

Symbolic Seal of betrayal

Therefore, King Darius signed the document and injunction.



Arrested while praying

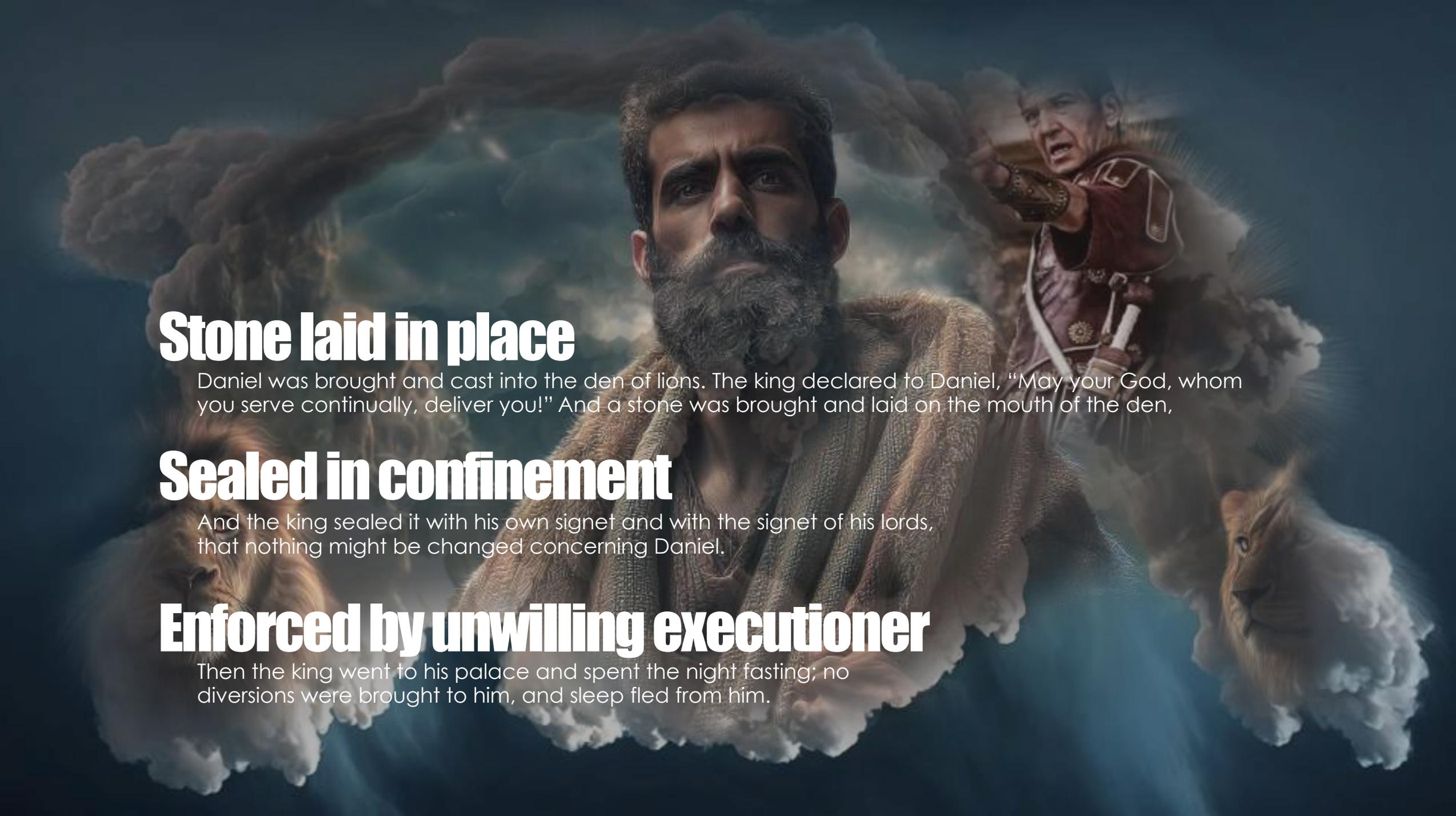
He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.

Accused of treason

“Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.”

Brought before officials

Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.



Stone laid in place

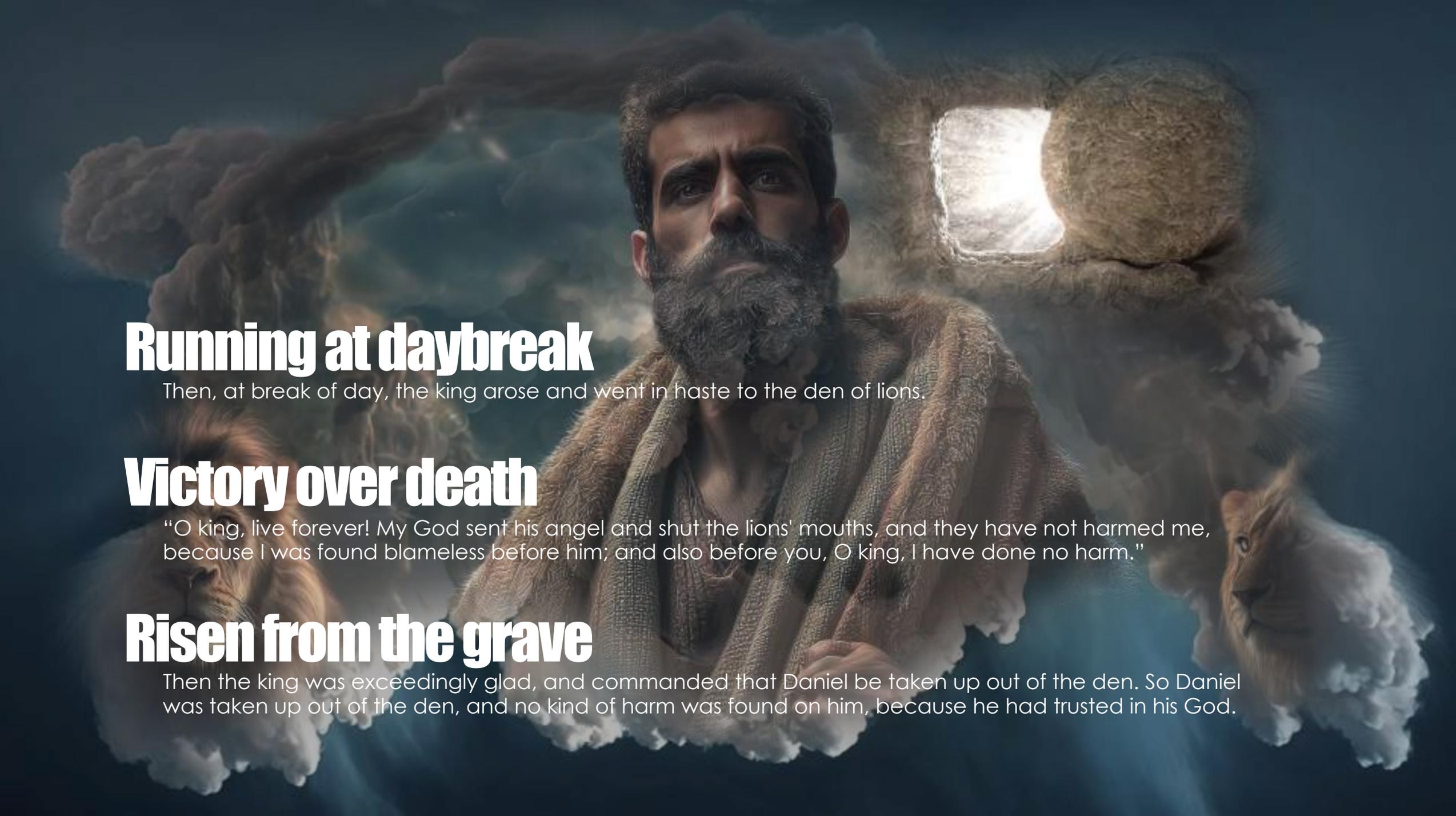
Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den,

Sealed in confinement

And the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel.

Enforced by unwilling executioner

Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

A man with a beard and a lion's head are shown in a dark, cloudy sky. The man is in the center, looking upwards with a serious expression. The lion's head is on the right, looking towards the man. The background is a dark blue sky with white clouds. A bright light source is visible in the upper right, illuminating the scene.

Running at daybreak

Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions.

Victory over death

“O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.”

Risen from the grave

Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.



FEAR FEELS GOD IS

Against Us

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For Us



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LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS
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