

DANIEL: LESSONS FROM THE LION'S DEN

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I. INTRODUCTION

- *Be careful that what is uncertain does not keep you from what is certain.*

Daniel 6:10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

II. TWO REALITIES OF UNCERTAIN TIMES

1. *How you live before the trial prepares you for how you will live during the trial.*

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1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

2. *What you do in the midst of the trial determines your testimony beyond the trial.*

Daniel 6:26-27 "I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. "For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed, his dominion will never end. He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions."

Philippians 2:14-15 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

III. TWO CERTAINTIES FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

1. God is good.

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- **God is good, so we thank Him.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2. God is our help.

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Daniel 6:11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.

- **God is our help, so we trust Him.**

Daniel 6:23 The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

- **Be careful that an uncertain future does not keep you from a certain God.**