

# The Ultimate Test: Daniel in the Lions Den

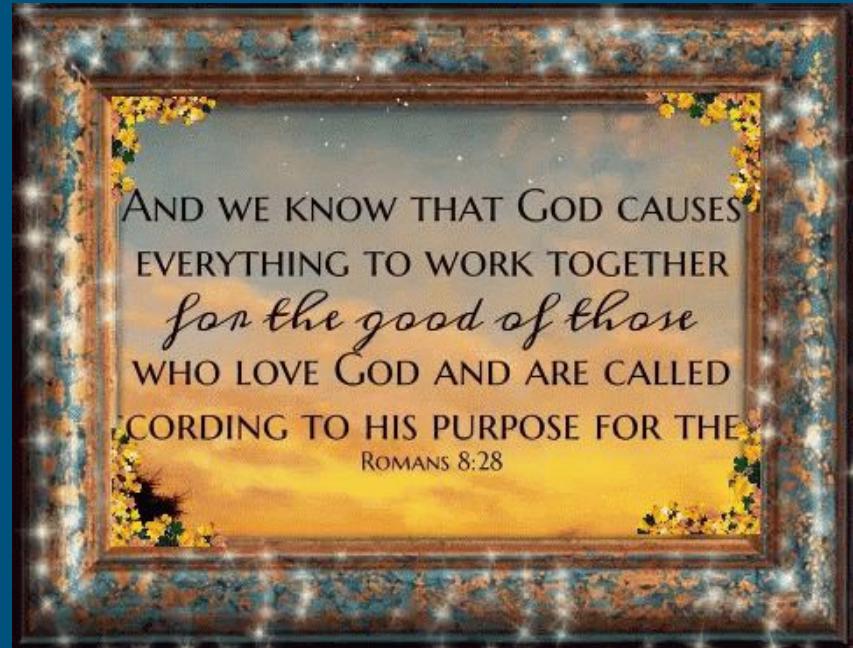
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# Scriptures

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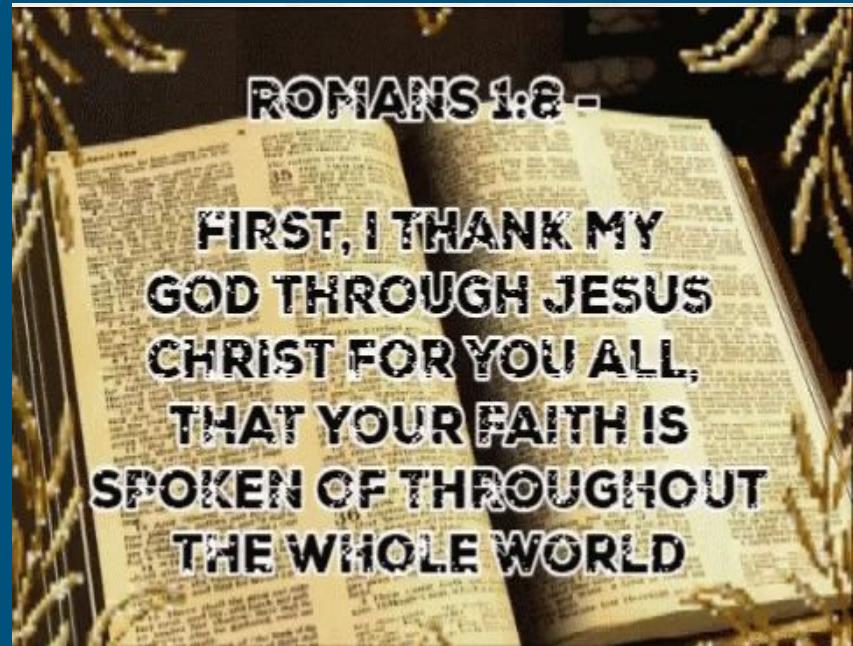
- Daniel 6:1-3
- Daniel 6:23
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- Daniel 6:6-9
- Daniel 6:10
- Daniel 6:12-16
- Daniel 6:22
- Daniel 6:24
- Daniel 6:26-27



# Context and Character: The Setup

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- The story takes place in Babylon/Persia under King Darius. The event took place during the fall of Babylonian Empire.
- Daniel is the elderly statesman with a long record of service.



# Daniel's Role During Babylonian Empire

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- One of the chief administrators
- Ruler over the kingdom
- Statesman
- Honest worker with no corruption and/or faults.
- Trustworthy worker
- Commitment to serve God



# The Plot: Jealousy and the Law

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- Daniel colleagues were consumed by jealousy and knew the only way to attack him was through his faith.
- They flattered King Darius pride to convince him to sign an irrevocable decree stating that 30 days that no one could pray to any God or man except king. The penalty for obedience was death in the lion's den.
- Darius was manipulated by his own pride and Medo-Persian law. The law could not be changed and sealed.



# The Test: Unwavering Devotion

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- Daniel did not hide or protest when the decree was signed.
- Daniel did not change his routine after the decree was signed.
- He prayed and gave thanks to God three times a day.
- Daniel refused to give government obedience that belong to God.
- Daniel commitment was unaltered.



# The Delivery: Trust and Sovereignty

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- Daniel upheld his own law.
- Daniel made attempts to save the king
- King Darius last words: "may Our God, whom you serve continually rescue you!"
- The Den was sealed while God intervened.
- Daniel was unharmed the next morning.
- Daniel said: "My God sent an angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me because I was found innocent in the sight and also before you, O King, I have done no wrong."



# The Vindication and Testimony

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- Darius ordered Daniel to be removed and men accused him thrown into the Den with their families.
- God delivered and illustrated the decisive justice
- King Darius issued a new decree to the Babylonian Empire.
- The new decree commanded all people should fear and reverence of God of Daniel.
- King confessed that Daniel God is a living God that rescues and delivers.
- King confessed that Daniel God performs wonders and signs in the heavens and on earth.
- Daniel faith led to the exaltation of God name throughout the vast of Persian Empire.
- God delivered Daniel through the trial.

# How to Apply Lion's Den to Your Life

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1. Your commitment must be predictable to God, not the world living in sin, temptation, idolatry and/or bondage.
2. Do not adjust your prayer life or life living obedient to God because you are listening to your enemies. You will have people that will have you for your faith in God. Let God judge your heart and do not worry about what other people think you.
3. Do not cut off bible study, prayer, rest/Sabbath, finding a church home or going to church weekly.
4. Crisis reveals character and your armor is built for peacetime.
5. Guard your professional integrity
6. We need to apply the lion's den in our workplace and on our jobs, dealing with personal finances, and in relationships.
7. Do not let negligence or cutting be the real reason people attack you.
8. Trust God with your paycheck
9. Trust in God approval is the greater than the world because world is full of sin, bondage, hate, temptation, idolatry, abomination.
10. Keep your hope in God and the Holy Spirit
11. Testify openly the good things God done in your life.
12. Be a witness to authority

# Things Not to Do

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1. Do not lie, cheat or steal.
2. Do not refuse to make sacrifices and sacrifice your security.
3. Do not worry about being mocked by other people because of your faith and living your righteous and obedient life to God.
4. Do not worry about losing friendships and relationships because you live a life of honesty and truth to protect your heart to get into heaven after you die on earth.
5. Do not worry about people that hate on you because you rather stand by your morals and faith in God while living your life under his grace.
6. Do not panic or to negotiate your way out of things.

# Discussion and Group Questions

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1. What is your lion's den?
2. Will you adjust your commitment to God to avoid difficulty or will you trust him to shut the lions mouths?
3. What visible actions in your life show your priorities? Is it tithing, putting family time on a schedule, declining opportunities that conflict with values?
4. What discipline will you refuse to cut during financial pressure, career ambition or social pressure increases?

# Bible Class Lesson and Discussion

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1. Power of consistency
2. Integrity
3. Courage vs. compromise

- Consistency in prayer and devotion is the hallmark of true faith.
- Live your life above approach that your enemies can find no valid fault except for devotion to Christ.
- Be blameless and live with the fruit of the spirit.
- Believe that are trials are powerful testimonies for God protection.