## "Daniel In The Lions Den, Part 2" <u>Daniel 6: 18-28</u>

#### <u>Verse 18 - 20</u>

#### Daniel's supernatural protection

Everyone in this story expected Daniel to be eaten alive (the king, the plotters and all in the king's court)

When all hope is gone and everything looks impossible, <u>there</u> is always - <u>But God!!</u>

## You have a timeline known only by God - Psalm 139: 16

Daniel had a purpose, and no plot, no king's edict, or no hungry lion would thwart God's plan

### Darius acknowledges that all false gods are useless - dead!

The majority of humanity are seduced by false gods!

#### <u>Verse 20</u> -

"Daniel, servant of the living God" - contrasted with all the false gods on planet earth

"....whom you serve continually" - the heathen culture takes notice of real faith!!

## How we live out our faith in Christ is exceedingly important!

Does Jesus really make a difference in how we live?

The world is watching you!!

#### <u>Verse 21 - 23</u>

#### Daniel's mini sermon

To the king, and to our world today, "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths"

# The question for all of us: Is my God able to deliver me?

This depends on who your God is - is it money, pleasure or power?

Jesus is the only God who can deliver - <u>Hebrews 7: 25</u>

TRUST that God will make a way!!

#### Verse 24

The ripple effect of sin

### Sin always affects those closest to us -

The ripple effect will be more than you can ever imagine -

DON'T DO IT!

Think of Cain - Genesis 4: 5-7 - you must rule over your sin urge - DON'T DO IT!!

Every believer has the Holy Spirit' "kratos power" (manifested power) to reign in the self-life -

SAY NO TO SIN!!

#### Titus puts it this way:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age." Titus 2: 11-12 (ESV)

#### **Verse 25 - 28**

#### The king's heart change

### Darius acknowledges that God's Kingdom will be without end -

- The Kingdom of God is God's rule
- God's Kingdom is both spiritual and physical
- Entrance into God's Kingdom is by believing in Jesus

believe = "pisteuo" = to be
persuaded, place confidence in,
commit to, trust; not mere
credence

Our responsibility in God's spiritual Kingdom is to go and tell and make disciples -

**Matthew 28: 18-20** 

Jesus will return and establish His physical Kingdom and crush the last gentile kingdom of the anti-christ

## CONCLUSION: DANIEL IN THE LIONS DEN (PART 2)

The lions' den was there to destroy Daniel; the roaring lion seeks whom he may devour - 1 Peter 5: 8

How did Daniel survive the lions' den?

BY FAITH!!

### How do we survive the roaring lion?

Resist him, steadfast in the faith
1 Peter 5: 9

He who follows the "Lion of the Tribe of Judah" (Jesus) lives forever!!

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