

# “The Lion's Den”

## Dan. 6:1-4

### Introduction

- I. There are so many great examples that one can find when studying the Old Testament (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-11).
- II. By examining the life of Daniel, there are many things that we can derive from his godly life.
- III. In particular, let us do a study of one such time in the life of Daniel (Dan. 6:1-28).

### Discussion

- I. Verses 1-3
  - A. Regardless of the empire, Daniel showed great diligence and forthrightness.
  - B. Sometimes the godly have to work with the ungodly.
- II. Verses 4-5
  - A. Jealousy and bitterness can cause us to seek another's harm.
  - B. Daniel was a faithful servant, and as such, his detractors chose to find fault with his religion.
- III. Verses 6-9
  - A. Unfortunately, pride can cause great damage (Prov. 16:18).
  - B. Darius made a hasty and costly decision.
- IV. Verse 10
  - A. Daniel did not allow man's law to keep him from obeying God (Acts 5:29).
  - B. Daniel did not seek any harm to Darius, but Daniel was not going to choose man over God.
- V. Verses 11-14
  - A. Darius became aware of the intent of Daniel's enemies.
  - B. Darius sought an opportunity to help Daniel, but his hastiness had put him in a dilemma.
- VI. Verses 15-17
  - A. Darius put his trust in God to deliver Daniel.
  - B. Regardless of how terrible the situation, we should never lose our trust in God (Prov. 3:5).
- VII. Verses 18-20
  - A. Darius had a restless night worrying about Daniel (Phil. 4:6).
  - B. The faithful of God need not fear (Psm. 23).
- VIII. Verses 21-23
  - A. Daniel might have had an easier night than Darius (Acts 12:1-6).
  - B. Daniel's faith was able to get him through his terrible ordeal.
- IX. Verses 24-28
  - A. We will reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7-8).
  - B. Darius came to understand the greatness of the true God.
  - C. Daniel flourished during the Medo-Persian Empire.

### Conclusion

- I. Daniel and the lion's den is a great study of faithfulness and courage.
- II. We should be so strong in our faith that we are prepared for whatever we may endure.