

Rest For A Weary Soul Daily Devotional - Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Praise the Lord and Good Morning,

Daniel needed the Lord or it was over. Plain and simple. It is interesting to me that those around Daniel didn't expect God to do anything. Isn't that what many people think? Oh, like praying is going to do something? You better believe it. Daniel's enemies knew that he prayed. Not every know and then, but prayer was a staple to Daniel's spiritual walk. See this is the dangerous part about bothering folks who pray. God will respond. Now I know He doesn't always respond in the fashion we want. But He always responds. In this case, however, it appeared as though God had forsaken Daniel by allowing him to be thrown in to a den filled with hungry, savage lions.

What made Daniel so special was the fact that he prayed. He prayed before he got in trouble and he prayed when the decree was handed down not to pray. Daniel wasn't confused when he went home and hit his knees. The part I like is when he knew the King had signed the decree, that's when he got on up, went home and did what he'd done all the days prior to the law. He prayed. He didn't pray for fire to rain down on his enemies. He didn't cry for God to help him. He gave thanks like he normally did. Wow. He wasn't foggy about the ramifications for praying now. He knew the lion's den was the pay day for praying. But Daniel just didn't care! And that is powerful. He knew his prayer life was more important than some law that the King had signed. He knew his natural life was to be no more when he prayed. But Daniel was talking to the True and Living God!

Would you give up doing what God said to save your life? Daniel wasn't backed into a corner. He chose his destiny. He wasn't out of his mind for a moment when he took to his knees. He wasn't trying to save face with the King. He wasn't hoping for a reprieve nor did he try to pray under cover so no one would know. He was direct and to the point. He went home and prayed. It didn't look like God heard anything. Daniel was taken to the den and thrown in. It didn't look like God even cared about Daniel. But down there in that den, Daniel and the lions had company. Help showed up. God sent an angel and held up the feeding frenzy. For the entire night! No one was able to deny that God helped that man! Nothing but God can hold death at bay!! When the morning came, the King cried out to Daniel not expecting to hear a peep, but cried out and said, "Is Your God able to deliver you from lions?"

Daniel 6:16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. 17 And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. 19

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? 21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. 22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. 23 Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

In the Master's Service,

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Matt 11:28-29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls