

Praise the Lord and Good Morning,

Something happened on Friday afternoon that got me to thinking about Daniel and the lion's den. I've been chewing on it all weekend and wanted to share it with you. Daniel's situation with the lion's den was no laughing matter. It was a life and death situation. It was something that if God didn't intervene, then it was over for Daniel. That was the purpose for the lion's den to begin with. It was a death sentence. It was cut and dry situation. I mean how could something as simple as feeding a man to the lions turn out any other way than a dead man and satisfied lions? Hungry lions. Open pit. Man thrown in for disobeying the King's orders. End of story. But God!

This is what I love about the Lord. Nothing is as it appears! Don't write God off when man says that the script is over! Nothing is over until God deems it a done deal. It's not that your problem isn't there, you just won't be eaten alive by it! This doesn't mean you won't be up close and personal with that thing. Daniel had spent a night season with those hungry things! But he came up out of what was supposed to be his demise! What more you and I? Yes, you may have to spend some time with that thing but even that is beautiful in itself. Knowing that God is doing the impossible right before your eyes. You shouldn't be making it. You shouldn't be able to endure the night season. You shouldn't be a living witness!! But God!! He did the impossible...allowed Daniel to live with something that was designed, prepared and ready to destroy him. Are you in a lion's den situation? Sitting up close and personal with something sent out to kill you? Sounds to me like the Lord is keeping the enemy from destroying you. I'm learning more and more how crucial it is to be obedient to the Lord. It wasn't until the morning came that everyone learned of what God had done for Daniel.

It was a long night, but no matter how long that night was, it was still better than what anyone expected. They were expecting Daniel to be dead!! His enemies had planned for his demise. They just knew this thing was going to get rid of Daniel. They wouldn't have to contend with him anymore. But God!! Can you imagine the shock when everyone heard that the man was alive and well? Yes, the Lord came through again!!! Remember the rule was not to pray! Daniel could have copped out and obeyed the King but Daniel would have had greater issues with God!! It was prayer and obedience to God that kept Daniel safe. Remember what's kept you along the way! Don't give up God in order to avoid being eaten alive! More will be destroyed by you leaving God than heading down into the place of perceived destruction.

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.

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