

**Daniel;  
The Lion's  
Den**

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**A Follower of Christ will experience the Lion’s Den. It will be directly related to their stand for Christ:**

Daniel 6:5 (ESV)

Then these men said, “We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel **unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.**”

**From the world's point of view, the vulnerable point to attack a Christian is their faith.**

Daniel 6:7 (ESV)

All the high officials of the kingdom ... .. agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

**Their intent was not to honor the King but to set a snare for Daniel. This has its roots in the demonic. Attack on the church and Christians always has a demonic element to it.**

Ephesians 6:11 (ESV)

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against **the schemes of the devil.**

1 John 5:19 (ESV)

We know that we are from God, and **the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

James 3:14–16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter **jealousy** and **selfish ambition** in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.

<sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, **but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.** <sup>16</sup> For where **jealousy** and **selfish ambition** exist, **there will be disorder and every vile practice.**

**Christians are to stand in their devotion to Christ. A Christian's battle is won in the spiritual realm.**

Daniel 6:10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously.

**Trusting God, Esther approached the King of Persia.**

Esther 4:16 (ESV)

I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and **if I perish, I perish.**"

**The Apostles refused to stop speaking about Jesus.**

Acts 4:18–20 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, <sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

**Seeing in the Spirit, we fight our battle in the heavenly realm while we proclaim Christ.**

2 Corinthians 5:7–8 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> **We walk by faith, not by sight.** <sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

**In the evil intrigue and deception Christians must entrust themselves to God, stand firm, and watch the evil play out while laying everything before the throne of God. It is in God's Hands.**

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**As followers of Christ, we know that in the total view of eternity God is victorious and will be glorified and we will ultimately be rewarded.**

Daniel 6:19–23 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> **My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me,** because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm."

<sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. **So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.**

**Daniel like his three friends of chapter 3, who were thrown into the fiery furnace, had an eternal view.**

Daniel 3:17–18 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.

**We cannot believe that God will require some less commitment from us today. Do we stand for Christ in our sphere of influence no matter what the consequences?**

**Make no mistake, the loving God of all mankind will judge evil in this world and for eternity. Daniel's accusers were thrown to the same lions that did not harm Daniel.**

Daniel 6:24 (ESV)

<sup>24</sup> And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

**Life Lesson: Know that evil will come back on those who do evil.**

Proverbs 26:27 (ESV)

Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and a stone will come back on him who starts it rolling.

**Here is an example in Esther, where the evil Haman built gallows to hang the righteous Mordecai.**

Esther 7:10 (ESV)

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai.

**Even the Lion's Den God works HIS eternal purpose.**

Daniel 6:25–27 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> I, Darius make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, <sup>27</sup> He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, **he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.**

**Brothers and Sisters, we are dealing with all kinds of stuff in this world and God will move on our behalf. However we need to win the battle in the spiritual; we need an eternal view to be able to endure looking to the promises and joy before us for all eternity.**

1 John 3:1 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.