

Inspirations

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Daniel 6:10 *He went home and in his room...he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*

Daniel knew the dangers when he persisted in prayer daily especially when threatened. Living his faith cost him his earthly freedom for a while but he was never hindered in spiritual freedom. His communication continued with God through the condemnation, captivation, castigation, and then celebration of his ordeal.



When Daniel was put in the lion's den, the king spent a whole night in agony realizing his his ego had been used to punish a man he knew as honorable. He realized that people he trusted had devised a plan to entrap Daniel in an effort to get rid of him. He spent a long sleepless night in fasting and with no entertainment. He set his heart on delivering Daniel and labored 'til the setting of the sun. It looks like it was a twenty-four hour period of trial for Daniel and agony for his friend the king!

Daniel knew his spiritual right was to worship and express his faith in a God-honoring way. He continued to honor God regardless of the evil plans of others who sought his demise. Ultimately God shut the mouths of the lions and the liars. And the liars were devoured by their own plan. Godly men and women do not ask for harm to come to those who misuse facts or create lies or try to entrap others. God says "vengeance is mine". Our job is to pray mercy and enlightenment for those who falsely accuse us. It is a comfort to know that God sees all and loves justice! Daniel was miraculously protected and later testified publically, (Daniel 6:22) "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouth so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

Did you ever hear someone pose a loaded question like "Have you stopped beating your wife?" How can anyone safely answer an accusatory inquiry? Perhaps with silence until God reveals the truth. How can one reason with irrationality? Whatever your challenge this week, ask God for wisdom and listen to His Voice. Reliance on the Holy Spirit of God is exactly where God calls us to abide. For the Spirit will direct all in Heaven's wisdom who are listening and following His all-knowing directions. When we are under pressure or in contest, our words can burst forth in fear, emotion, or offense. May we practice His control daily so when the challenges come suddenly upon us, the learned response of our heart remains, *Psalm 141:3: "Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips. 4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, To practice deeds of wickedness with men that work iniquity: And let me not eat of their delicacies."*

It may look at times that the Devil's plans are running the show, but God has dominion over Heaven and Earth. He is the KING over all "kings" and LORD over all. Walk His path. Surrender daily to His Spirit and Word. He protected His man, Daniel as He will you today. "



...in order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men" (Daniel 4:17

King Nebuchadnezzar, and even the troublemakers in his kingdom, all learned to recognize that God continues to have dominion over Heaven and earth. He will honor whom He may and He will not allow injustice to go on forever. RMc