

Daniel in the Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Characters: Narrator, Daniel, King Darius, Advisor 1, Advisor 2

Narrator: King Darius was the king of the Medes. He had divided his kingdom into 120 states, and appointed three men to rule over them all. One of these three men was Daniel, who worshipped and prayed to God every day. Over time, God allowed Daniel to prosper, and soon, King Darius put him in charge of the entire empire. The other two advisers were unhappy about this:

Advisor 1: We must find some law that Daniel is breaking, so he does not get any more of our power!

Advisor 2: I've already tried that. Daniel is a very faithful and responsible leader. If we are to corner him, we should charge him over a religious law. He always prays to his God, so let's make a law ordering everyone in the empire to pray to King Darius instead.

Narrator: The two advisors went to King Darius, and explained their idea to him.

Advisor 1: Sire, in order to increase loyalty in your kingdom, you should enact a law that orders everyone to pray to you, and forbids people from praying to other gods. If they pray to another god, they should be put in a lions' den for a night!

King Darius: That sounds like a good law! I will sign it in to law right now.

Narrator: Later that night, Daniel prayed to God on his balcony. When the two advisors saw this, they told the King:

Advisor 1: Daniel prayed to his God last night! He broke your law!

King Darius: Daniel is a good man... I can't throw him in the lions' den.

Advisor 2: Your laws can not change! You can not overlook this one instance! Throw him in the lions' den!

Narrator: King Darius accepted his advisors' words, and reluctantly threw Daniel in the lions' den.

King Darius: Daniel, I'm sorry for this. May your God protect you through the night!

Narrator: King Darius left Daniel in the lions' den overnight. But the lions did not kill Daniel, because God was protecting him. King Darius looked into the lions' den the next morning, and found that Daniel was still alive.

King Darius: Daniel! I am so thankful your God protected you last night. I will have you pulled out of the den.

Daniel: Long live King Darius! My God sent his angels to protect me! I have not wronged you, sire.

Narrator: Daniel was pulled out of the lions' den, and Darius put him in charge of more people in his empire. He had the other two advisors thrown into the lions' den, and they were killed instantly. Daniel prospered further with God's help.