







²and over them three high officials, of whom Daniel was one, to whom these satraps should give account, so that the king might suffer no loss.

³Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other high officials and satraps,

because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

⁴ Then the high officials
and the satraps sought to
find a ground for complaint
against Daniel with regard to
the kingdom,

but they could find no
ground for complaint or any
fault, because he was
faithful, and no error or fault
was found in him.

⁵ 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."

⁶Then these high officials
and satraps came by
agreement to the king and
said to him, "O King Darius,
live forever!

⁷All the high officials of the
kingdom, the prefects and
the satraps, the counselors
and the governors are agreed
or man for thirty days, except
to you, O king, shall be cast
into the den of lions.

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.

⁸ Now, O king, establish the
injunction and sign the
document, so that it cannot
be changed,

according to the law of the
Medes and the Persians,
which cannot be revoked.”

⁹ Therefore King Darius
signed the document
and injunction.

¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God.

¹² Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, “O king! Did you not sign an injunction,

that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?”

The king answered and said,
“The thing stands fast,
according to the law of the
Medes and Persians, which
cannot be revoked.”

¹³ Then they answered and
said before the king, “Daniel,
who is one of the exiles from
Judah, pays no attention

to you, O king, or the
injunction you have signed,
but makes his petition three
times a day.”

¹⁴ Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him.

¹⁵ Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians

that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

¹⁶ Then the king commanded,
and Daniel was brought and
cast into the den of lions.

The king declared to Daniel,
“May your God, whom you
serve continually, deliver
you!”

¹⁷ And a stone was brought
and laid on the mouth of the
den, and the king sealed
it with his own signet

and with the signet of
his lords, that nothing might
be changed concerning
Daniel.

18 Then the king went to his
palace and spent the night
fasting; no diversions were
brought to him, and sleep
fled from him.

19 Then, at break of day, the
king arose and went in haste
to the den of lions.

²⁰ 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?”

²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² 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."

²² My God sent his angel and
shut the lions' mouths, and
they have not harmed me,

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done no harm."

23 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.

24 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.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you.

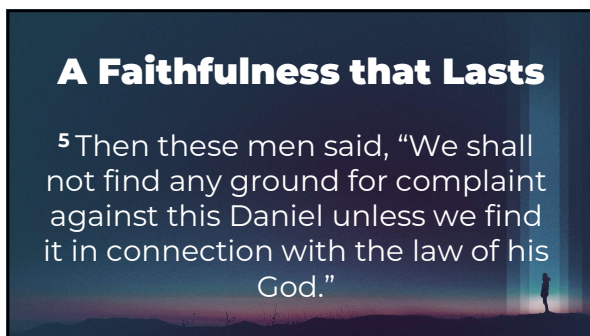
²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel,

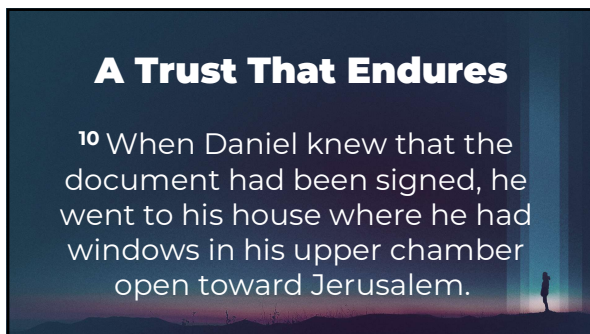
for he is the living God,
enduring forever; his
kingdom shall never be
destroyed, and his dominion
shall be to the end.

²⁷ 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.”

²⁸ So this Daniel prospered
during the reign of Darius
and the reign of Cyrus the
Persian.







A Power That Prevails

²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me



**The Promises Daniel
Trusted in are Brought
to Fullness in Jesus.**

**If You Want to Know
Him, Come to the Cross.**
