

FROM THE MOUTHS OF LIONS - Daniel 6



CAST: King Darius, Daniel, 2 governors, officials,
narrator

PROPS: Decree, ring, crown, robe, throne

NARRATOR:

King Darius appointed 120 officials to control his kingdom and these answered to 3 governors, including Daniel who was by now very old. They made sure no-one cheated the king.

DARIUS (to himself):

Mmm...I have an idea...perhaps I should make old Daniel my right-hand man to run everything...he's such a fine chap....

1ST GOVERNOR announcing to the officials:

Listen up everybody! His Majesty is thinking of appointing Daniel as his right-hand man to run everything!

OFFICIALS: Boooo!!

2ND GOVERNOR:

We won't be able to find anything against Daniel except if it involves the laws of his God.

1ST GOVERNOR to king Darius:

Long live the king! We have decided a royal decree is needed to ban everybody during the next 30 days from making any petition to any god or man - except to you!

Anybody who disobeys will be thrown to the lions.

2ND GOVERNOR to king Darius:

Make the decree Your Majesty, then sign it so that it can't be changed.

NARRATOR:

King Darius made the decree and signed it. When old Daniel heard about it he went home, opened his window towards Jerusalem, then knelt down and prayed 3 times that day, just as he had always done for years.

Of course the officials spied Daniel praying so they went off to tell the king.

1ST GOVERNOR:

Your Majesty, haven't you signed a decree banning anyone from making a petition to any god or man, except you, with the penalty of being thrown to the lions?

2nd GOVERNOR:

Daniel the Jewish prisoner doesn't respect you or your law - he prays 3 times a day!

NARRATOR:

The king was furious with himself and tried very hard to save Daniel from his fate.

GOVERNORS & OFFICIALS (gloating):

Your Majesty, you know you can't change royal laws.

DARIUS:

Alright...arrest Daniel and throw him to the lions.

Daniel, your God who you always serve - He will deliver you.

NARRATOR:

The den was shut and sealed with the king's ring.

The king went back to his palace but had nothing to eat, didn't call for music and didn't sleep a wink that night.

Early the next morning he rushed to the den and called out in a sad voice...

DARIUS (sadly):

Daniel, servant of the living God!...has your God who you always serve been able to save you from the lions?

DANIEL shouts:

Long live the king! My God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths so I'm not hurt. I was innocent in God's eyes and I haven't wronged you.

NARRATOR:

The king was very pleased and ordered Daniel be lifted out of the den. He was unharmed because he trusted in his God. The king demanded that Daniel's accusers be arrested and thrown to the lions instead. They were attacked by the lions before they'd even reached the floor.

DANIEL announces:

King Darius writes: "To everybody worldwide - peace!

I order that everywhere in my empire everybody must fear Daniel's God. He is the living God forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed and His empire will last forever. He saves, He does wonderful things in heaven and on Earth, and he has saved Daniel from the lions."