

Dan 6:16

So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

We have all heard of the story of Daniel in the lion's den, where Daniel was thrown into the lion's den because he refused to obey King Darius' decree of not praying to any god for thirty days. But something else you may not have known about the story is that the king highly favored Daniel because he was a man of God.

Here in today's devotional we have one of the high points in the story. Many would think that it is Daniel's faith in God, which is a high point. But something we seldom hear about is King Darius and his part in the story. And that's what we are reading about today.

Maybe you missed it, let me point it out to you to you again. It's where king Darius says:

† *"Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."*

Once again, this is King Darius speaking to Daniel. Now the interesting thing is he was not a follower of God, but rather had many gods that he served. That is where Daniel comes in. It was because of Daniel's faith in God that the king could even say such a thing.

So to apply this to us today, do others see God or Jesus in us like the King Darius did with Daniel? People watch us all the time, and they do because they want to know a God who's loving and compassionate and that will help and save them. Just as King Darius saw in Daniel's God, who is the same God we serve today.

I would encourage you to read the book of Daniel again and notice all the different times that God was revealed to the various kings and others in this book of the bible. Then look at our own life and ask ourselves if the way we are living is showing others Jesus in our life or not.

I'm not talking about preaching to them, but rather I'm talking about our lifestyle. It's like a saying I've heard: "Preach the gospel and when necessary, use words." But I add to it, when your words are spoken, are they words of hatred like those who hated Daniel, or words of faith and love like Daniel's words were?

† *Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, 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."*
Daniel 6:21-22