

AM Sermon Notes

Text: Daniel 6:16-28

Title: "Shut the Lions' Mouth"

Central Truth: Honoring Daniel's strong faith and commitment, God delivered Daniel through the den experience, thus bringing glory to Himself.

I. vv. 16-17: The Sentence Enforced

v. 16a: With great reluctance, Darius had no choice but to have Daniel apprehended and thrown into the lions' den.

v. 16b: The King pays Daniel a compliment about his faithful lifestyle. Darius knew that Daniel continually and consistently lived for his God.

v. 17: The den was sealed as Jesus' tomb.

II. vv. 18-20: The Stress Endured

King Darius had at his fingertips all the world had to offer, yet he had no peace that night! It is better to be with God in the deepest, darkest dungeon than it is to be in the palace without Him (*c.f. Psalm 32:10*).

III. vv. 21-23: The Salvation Experienced

v. 21: There is a huge contrast between Darius and Daniel. The King was a mental wreck, yet Daniel had a great night in the den!

v. 22: God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths. This was probably none other than the pre-incarnate Son of God...Jesus Christ!

v. 23: *c.f. Hebrews 11:33*

IV. vv. 24-28: The Statute Enacted

v. 24: 1. The Elimination of Daniel's enemies.

vv. 25-28: 2. The Exaltation of Daniel's God.

Three Practical Applications:

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