



LIVING AMONG LIONS

(IN YOUR PRIVATE LIFE) PART TWO

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR LIONS? DANIEL 6:6-11

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • When Pastor Joe's commentary is added, God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with commentary in the smaller faced text. • Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. Pastor Joe's email is Joe@southreno.com. This passage can be found in the Pew Bible, in the Old Testament on pages 634.

STUDY SECTION

DANIEL DESPISED • DARIUS DECEIVED (vv. 1-11)

1. In our public lives, **PURITY** should be our goal.
2. In our private lives, **PRAYER** should be our habit.

A. Here's what the High Officials did—*they plotted*.

Daniel 6:6–8, NASB95 -⁶ Then these commissioners [who were over the satraps] and satraps [i.e., governors] came by agreement [they are all in it together] to the king and spoke to him as follows: "King Darius, [i.e., Darius I] live forever! ⁷ "All the commissioners of the kingdom, the prefects [leaders of those who enforced the law—generals, sheriffs, etc.] and the satraps, the high officials and the governors have consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction that anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides you, O king, for thirty days, shall be cast into the lions' den. ⁸ "Now, O king, establish the injunction and sign the document so that it may not be changed. [they have really throughout

this plot against Daniel, haven't they] according to the law of the Medes and Persians, [in that day, there was no higher law] which may not be revoked."

B. Here's what King Darius did—*He proclaimed*.

Daniel 6:9, NASB95 -⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document, that is, the injunction [a unique Heb word—lit., proclaiming a new law—far and wide.]

C. Here's what Daniel did—*He _____!*

Daniel 6:10–11, NASB95 -¹⁰ Now when Daniel knew [lit., discovered a truth] that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem [devoted Jews faced Jerusalem when they prayed and when they read Holy Scripture; Why? Because their hope was in a Messiah who would return to Jerusalem and save them.]); and he continued [with a custom that had already been established; cf., v. 10d] kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. ¹¹ Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

THE URGENCY OF PRAYER NEEDED IN YOUR LIFE

1. A Specific _____.
(Daniel prayer at) home...upstairs...(facing) Jerusalem. – v. 10a
2. A Specific _____.
(Daniel prayed) three times a day. – v. 10b
3. A Specific _____.
(Daniel prayed) on his knees. – v. 10c
4. A Specific _____.
(Daniel prayed) just as he had done before. – v. 10d
5. A Specific _____ – v. 11
(Daniel prayed) earnestly seeking God's help. ("plea," ESV) – v. 11, JBP

No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying...poverty-stricken as the church is today in many things, she is most stricken here, in the place of prayer... He who prays and fears God fears no man. He who kneels before God in prayer will stand before any man in any situation...there must be unction in the pulpit and action in the pew...for failing here in the place of prayer, we fail everywhere.

– Leonard Ravenhill, *Why Revival Taries*

Answers: C. Prayed • 1. Place 2. Period, 3. Posture, 4. Practice, 5. Premise