



LIVING AMONG LIONS PART FOUR

FREE FROM THE DEN

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH YOUR LIONS? DANIEL 6:23-28

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STUDY SECTION

DANIEL OUT OF THE LION'S DEN

1. In our public lives, PURITY should be our goal.
2. In our private lives, PRAYER should be our habit.
3. Under pressure, God's PRESENCE will be our protection.
4. PREVAIL, once *free from the Den*, by giving God Glory.

A. Daniel was protected in the Lion's Den.

Daniel 6:22–23, NASB95 -²² *"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime."* ²³ *Then the king was very pleased and gave orders for Daniel to be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den and no injury whatever was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.*

B. The Traitors judged and thrown into the Lion's Den.

Daniel 6:24, NASB95 -²⁴ *The king then gave orders, and they brought those men who had maliciously accused Daniel, and they cast them,*

their children and their wives into the lions' den [Herodotus records this was a common practice in Persian history (*Histories*, 3.119)] *and they had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.*

C. God was glorified because of the Lion's Den.

Daniel 6:25–27, NASB95 -²⁵ *Then Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language who were living in all the land: "May your peace abound!"* ²⁶ *"I make a decree that in all the dominion of my kingdom men are to fear and tremble before the God of Daniel; For He is the living God and enduring forever, And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed, And His dominion will be forever."* ²⁷ *"He delivers and rescues and performs signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has also delivered Daniel from the power of the lions."*

D. God's servant prospered once freed from the Lion's Den.

Daniel 6:28, NASB95 -²⁸ *So this Daniel enjoyed success** [Heb. שָׂכַל (saw-KAL), means to have "a deep understanding and/or insight...implying this state is the result of a proper lesson learned" (DBL by J. Swanson, cf., # 8507)] *in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian* [Daniel died during the reign of Cyrus the Persian; cf., Daniel 1:21, NASB95 -²¹ *And Daniel continued until the first year of Cyrus the king.*]

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

*WHAT DID DANIEL LEARN?

1. Christian convictions _____.

Philippians 2:15, NASB95 -¹⁵ *...so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world...*

2. Living by convictions does _____ shelter you from the unfairness of life.

John 16:33, JBP -³³ *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I will overcome the world.*"

3. _____ is absolutely essential in living out a godly life.

"God is still on His throne and man is still on His footstool. There's only a knee's distance in between." – Martyred Missionary Jim Elliott

4. Living out your convictions can have an amazing _____ on this world.

Daniel 1:8, NLT - *But Daniel was determined not to defile himself...*

Answers: 1. Matter, 2. Not, 3. Prayer, 4. Impact.