

Daniel in the Lions' Den Retold

A retelling of Daniel 6:10-23

Introduction to the story

There was a man named Daniel who helped King Darius govern his kingdom. Some of the other men were jealous of Daniel and wanted to get him in trouble. They got Darius to make a new law saying that no one could pray to any god or person except for King Darius for thirty days. Anyone who broke this law would be cast into a den of lions. Once the king agreed to the law, it was impossible for him to change it.

Retelling of the story

Daniel knew about the law but still worshiped the Lord as before.

With his windows open toward Jerusalem, Daniel knelt down on his knees three times that day and prayed and gave thanks before his God.

The men found Daniel prayer and they told the king. Now the king was very sad, but he had to follow the law.

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

Then a stone was brought and laid on the opening of the den, and the king sealed it.

Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting (he did not eat any food). No musicians were brought before him. And he was not able to sleep.

Then the king rose very early in the morning and hurried to the den of lions.

And when he came to the den, he cried out to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God been able to save you from the lions?"

Then Daniel said, "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 O king, I have done no wrong before you."

Then the king was very glad and commanded that they take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and he was not hurt at all, because he believed in his God.