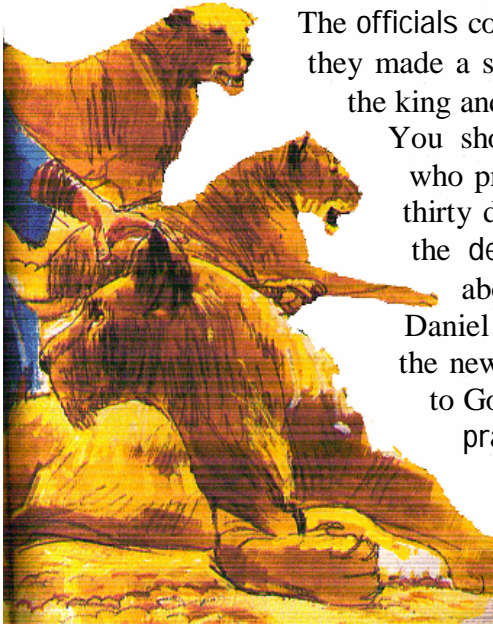


13. Daniel in the Den of Lions

In the time of king Darius, Daniel was very famous. He had a very high position in the government. The other officials were jealous of Daniel's high position, so they were looking for ways to accuse Daniel. Daniel knew God and so he lived very carefully even when he was alone where no one could see him. Daniel knew that God was always with him and he made time to talk with God at least three times a day.



The officials could not find any corruption in him. So they made a special plan to trap him. They went to the king and said, 'O king Darius, you are so great. You should make a special law that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, shall be thrown in the den of lions.' King Darius was happy about the law and put it into writing. Daniel loved God and when he heard about the new law, he went to his house and talked to God about it. The other officials saw him praying to God and reported it to the king.

The king liked Daniel very much, but he could not change the law. He gave orders that Daniel be thrown in the lion's den.

That night the king could not sleep. Early the next morning he ran to the lion's den and called for Daniel. Daniel answered, 'God shut the mouths of the lions and they did not hurt me.' The king was overjoyed and he gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. No wound was found on Daniel, because he trusted in God. The king then had the officials thrown in the lion's den and the lions killed them before they even reached the bottom.

Vocabulary

famous	มีชื่อเสียง	Elton John is a famous singer.
high position	ตำแหน่งสูง	General Somkiat has a high position in the Royal Thai Army.
officials	เจ้าหน้าที่รัฐ	If you don't stop I will report you to the officials.
jealous	อิจฉา	She is jealous of my new car.
accuse	กล่าวหา	Somkit accused me of stealing.
at least	อย่างน้อย	To join this class you must be at least 17 years old.
to trap	ดัก	I caught a mouse in my trap.
lion's den	ถ้ำสิงโต	She is reading in her den.
to pray	คุยกับพระเจ้า	We can pray anywhere we like.
overjoyed	ยินดีเป็นล้นพ้น	When my daughter was born I was overjoyed.
to trust	ไว้วางใจ	God wants us to trust Him and obey Him.

The Bible says

The Lord saves his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in Him.

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Comprehension

1. Why did the king give this strange new law?.....
2. Why did Daniel pray to God?.....
3. Why didn't the lions kill Daniel?.....