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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God,
we thank you for gathering us here to stand
before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in
everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and
minds that we may hear Your Word and tell our
friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe.
Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray
to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from the evil one
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
Glory. Forever, Amen.



O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.



MEMORY VERSE

**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

“Fear not stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord.”

Exodus 14:13



"Look! I see four men walking in the midst of the fire."



Review



1. Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful king who ruled over a large empire.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
2. What was everyone commanded to do when they heard the musical instruments play?
 - a) They were to begin singing.
 - b) They were to bow down and worship the golden image.
3. Who refused to bow down and worship the image?
 - a) Some of the king's enemies.
 - b) Three men who had been brought as captives from Judah.



Review



4. When Nebuchadnezzar changed their names, these three men stopped believing in the Almighty God.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
5. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego declared to the king that even if God chose not to deliver them they would never worship his golden image.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
6. How did Nebuchadnezzar punish the three men?
 - a) By casting them alive into a fiery furnace.
 - b) By throwing them into a den of lions.






Review



7. What happened to the soldiers who threw in the three men?
 - a) They were eaten by the lions.
 - b) They were burned up by flames that leaped out of the furnace.
8. How many men were seen walking around in the fire?
 - a) Three.
 - b) Four.
9. God Himself had protected them, walked with them in the fire, and delivered them completely unharmed.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
10. What made these brave men especially happy?
 - a) That they were now free to worship God.
 - b) That they were honored with a great feast.

Class Covenant

**I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.**

Daniel in the lion's den



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Memorize today's Verse

“I will fear no evil; for you are with me.”

Psalms 23:4

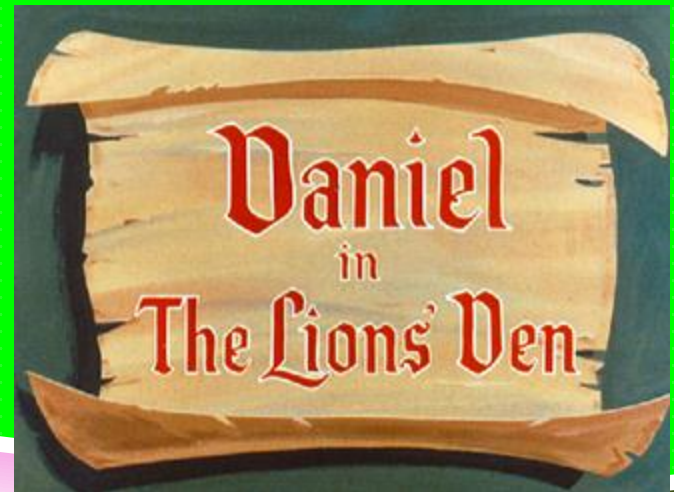


**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**

Purpose:

**To teach God's care for those
who dare to take a stand for
Him.**

(Daniel 6:1-28)

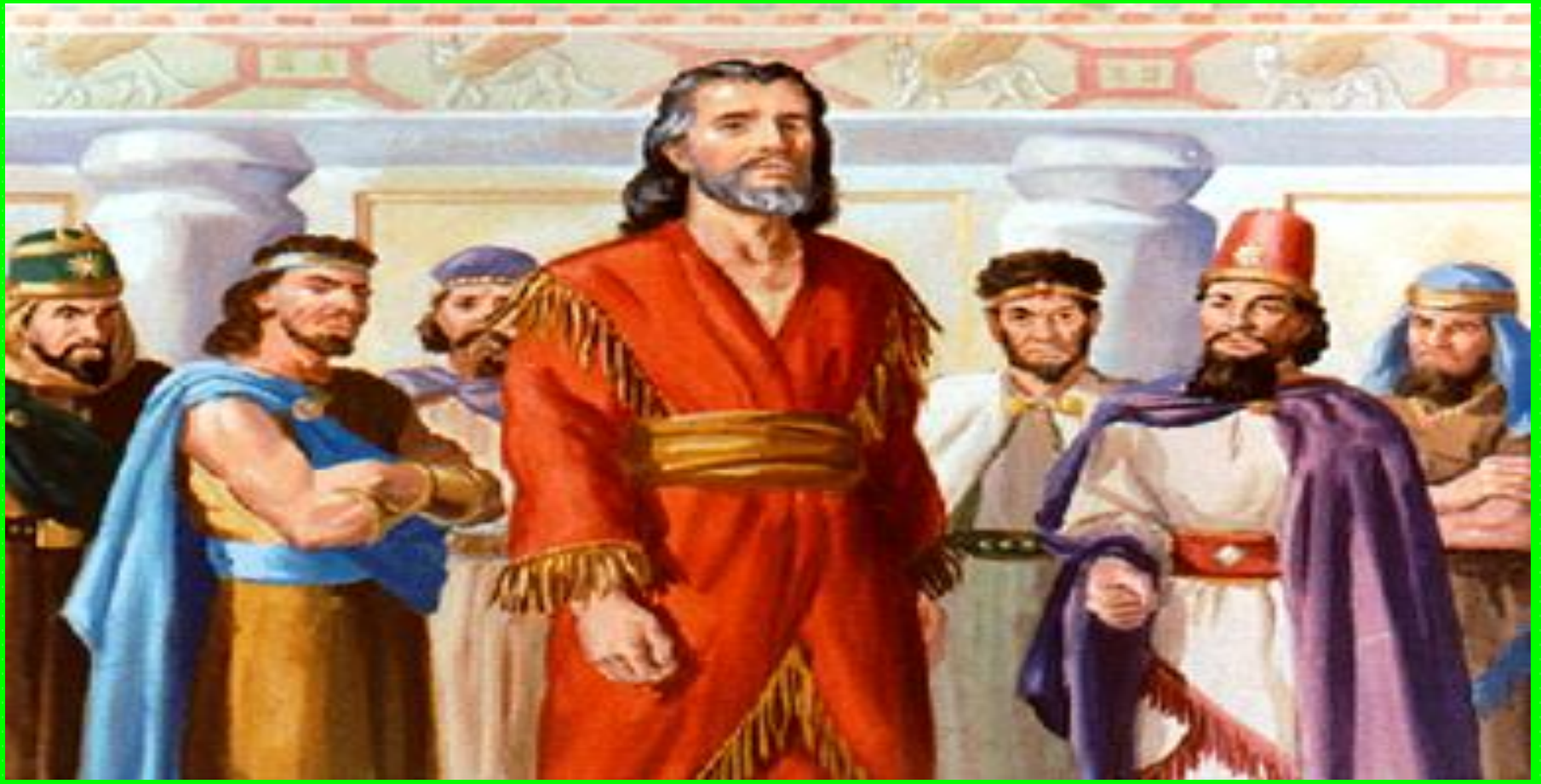




Darius became king of Babylon. He chose hundred princes to help him in the governing of the people. King Darius liked intelligent people.



Daniel was one of the beloved children of God. He used to pray and fast regularly. He was also honest in his work. King Darius appointed him governor.



The king was so impressed he decided to put Daniel in charge of the whole kingdom. Only the king could tell Daniel what to do.



Because of Daniel's position with the kingdom, the other princes hated him.



So the princes started to spy on Daniel. They watched every move that Daniel made. They were hoping their leader would do something wrong so they could run and tell the king.



But Daniel was a good man. Day after day Daniel lived as he felt the Lord would have him live, and the princes were greatly disappointed to find nothing wrong with Daniel's conduct.



Spying on Daniel was proving to be a waste of time. In order to rob this man of his position and authority, the princes knew they must think of a plan.



A plan that would trick Daniel into disobeying the king! And it wasn't long before the evil men had thought of a plan that would cause Daniel to lose his life.



The princes gathered together outside the palace and asked for permission to appear before the king.



The king was surprised when he heard the request. Such a thing was not at all common. Ordinarily the rulers of the provinces were called together only by a royal decree.



Still, the king was curious. What was it the princes wanted? It must be very important, thought the king, otherwise the princes would never dare to ask for such a thing.



So the king gave them permission to come before him, and the one who had been chosen to speak for the group stepped forward with the usual greeting.



“King Darius, live forever,” he said, and then he went on to tell the king that all the princes of the kingdom were anxious that a new law be made as a special honor to their beloved ruler.



No one throughout the entire kingdom was to ask anyone – God or man – for anything for 30 days, unless it be asked of the king. And if anyone broke the law, that person would be thrown in the den of lions.



King Darius was flattered by such a request. It didn't even occur to the king that Daniel might have been left out of the planning, so he signed their decree and made it law.

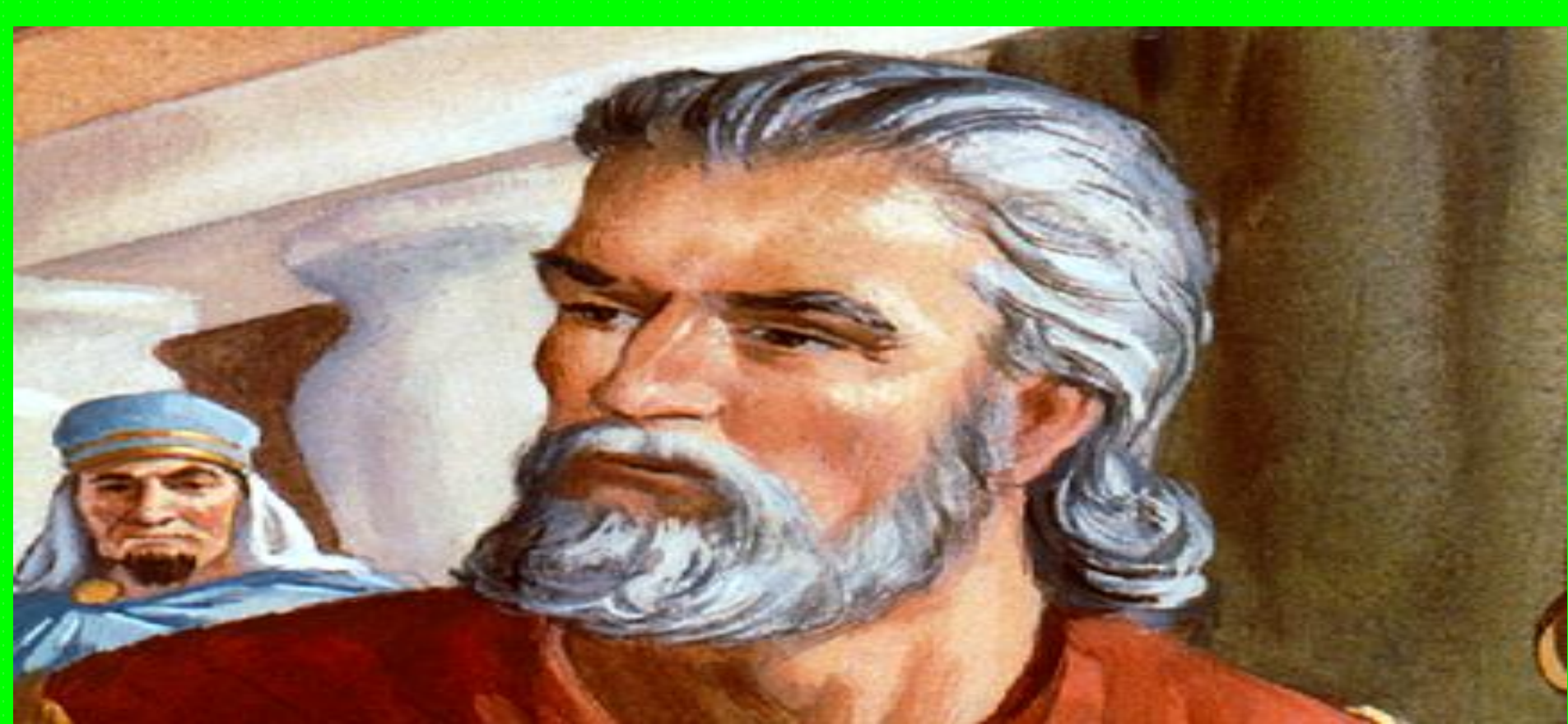
Sometimes, people with evil intentions try to get us to sin by praising us and making it seem that it would benefit us.

Always stay humble and say whatever I have be it wealth, fame, intelligence and honor is possible only through God. Never fall into the trap of exalting yourself or think that you are better than anybody.

The devil fell from grace because he looked to himself and believed that he was beautiful and honor was due to him. The result was he became the devil instead of being an angel. Know that he uses people and our own thoughts and minds to deceive us and make us like him. God save us!!!!



When Daniel heard about the law, he knew in his heart that this was a trap that had been set for him.



Daniel knew the next time he got on his knees before his open window to ask God for divine guidance and continued blessing, the men who had plotted this thing would report him to the king.



Daniel could have closed his window. He could have drawn his drapes and prayed to God in secret. But Daniel knew that to do such a thing would be cowardly. He also knew that regardless of anything, God's will in his life must be done.



So Daniel continued to pray before his open window just as he had done before.



And this was the moment the princes were waiting for. Daniel was breaking the law! According to the signed decree Daniel would be thrown to the lions!



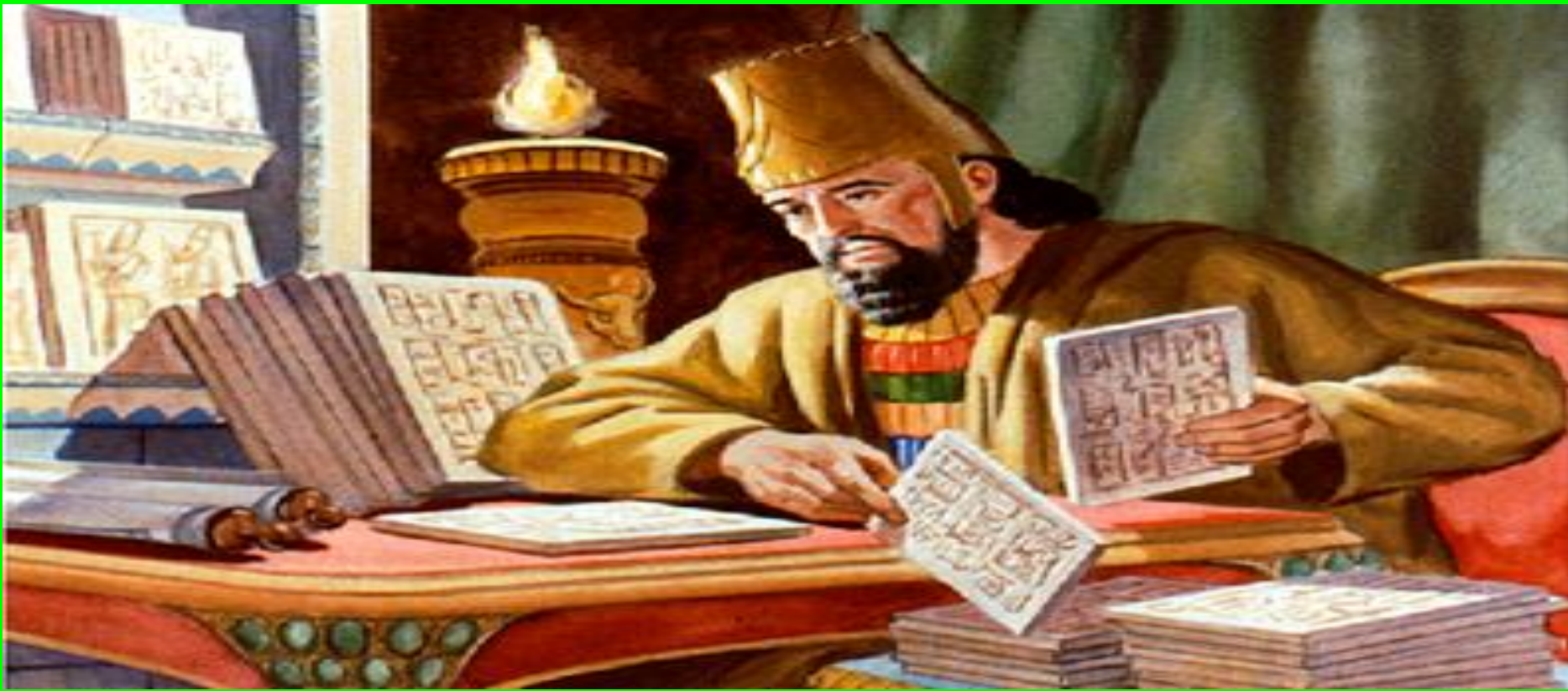
When the princes went to the king and demanded that Daniel be thrown to the lions,



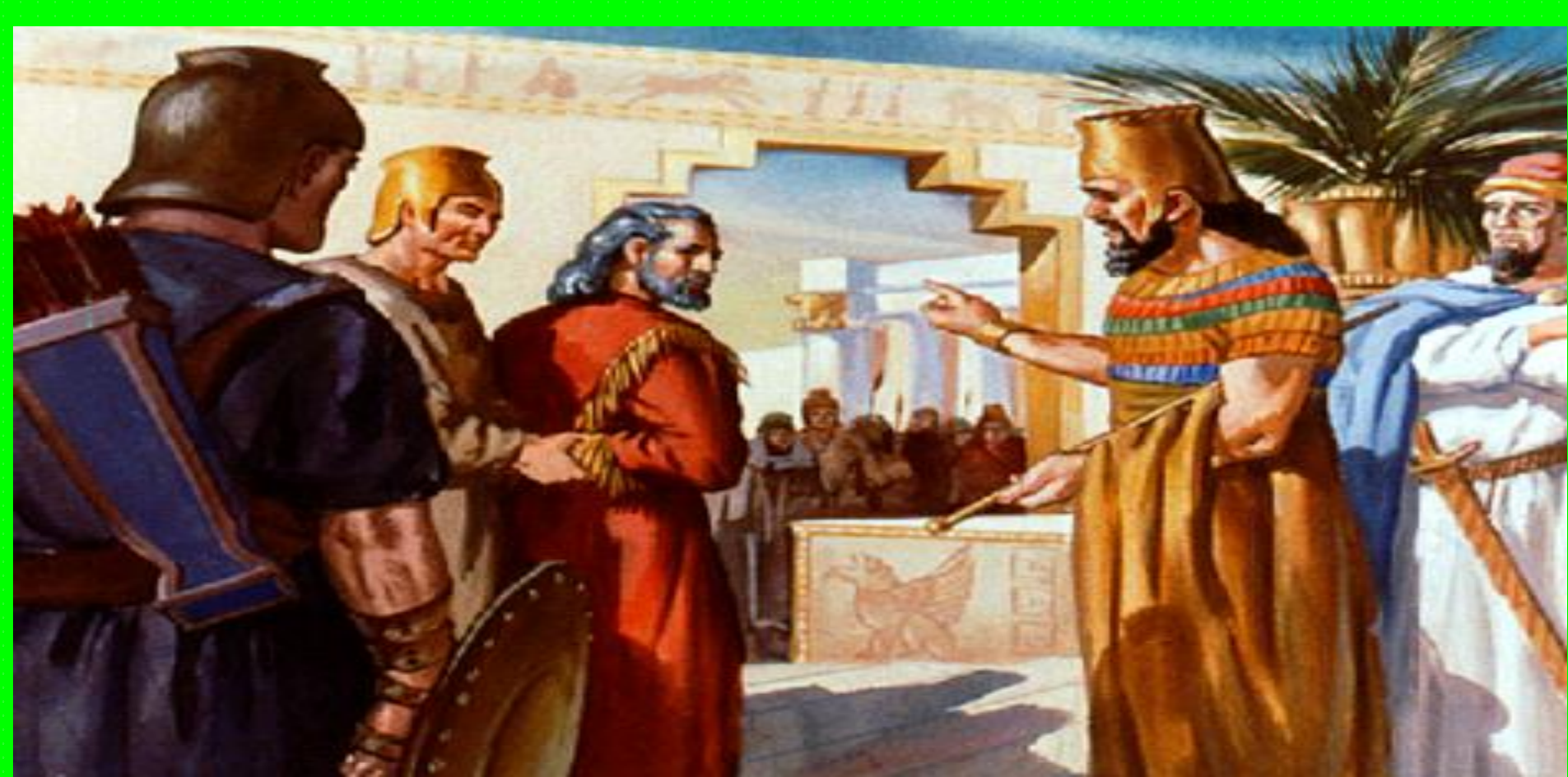
King Darius realized the cruel purpose of their law. This was no law to honor the king. It was an evil plot to get rid of Daniel.



King Darius was very fond of Daniel. He considered Daniel a trustworthy friend and he greatly relied on the judgment of this wise man. But the king was trapped. According to the law, Daniel must die.



King Darius spent the day searching through the laws hoping to find a way he could save his friend, but the law was clear. Once the king had signed the law, not even the king himself could undo what he had done.



With the setting of the sun, the king was forced to command that Daniel be seized and taken to the place where the lions were kept.



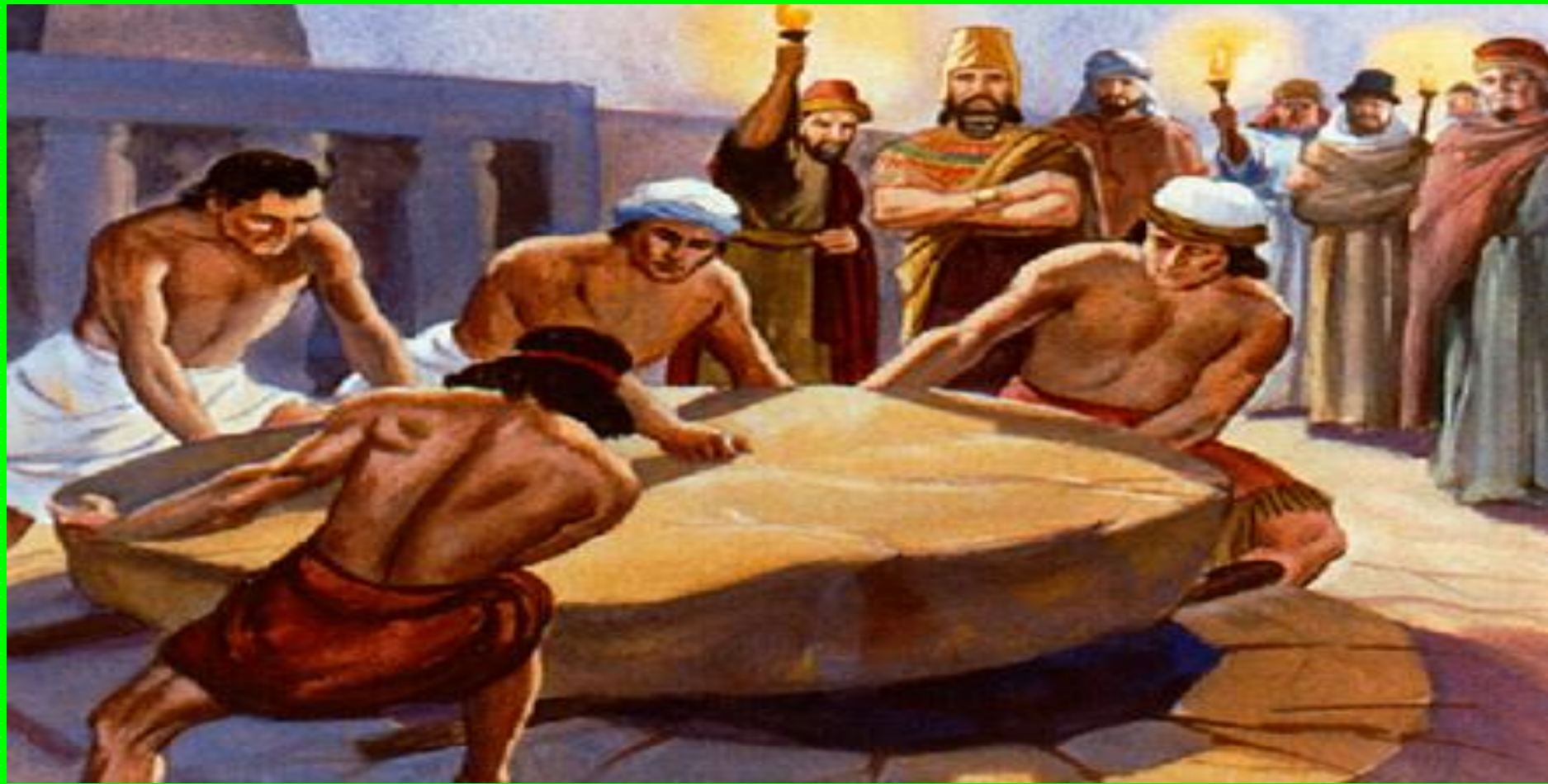
The animals were crazy with hunger and whatever was thrown to them was instantly torn to pieces.



The king told Daniel how sorry he was – how he'd been trapped into doing this thing, and how, according to the law, not even the king could revoke a royal decree.



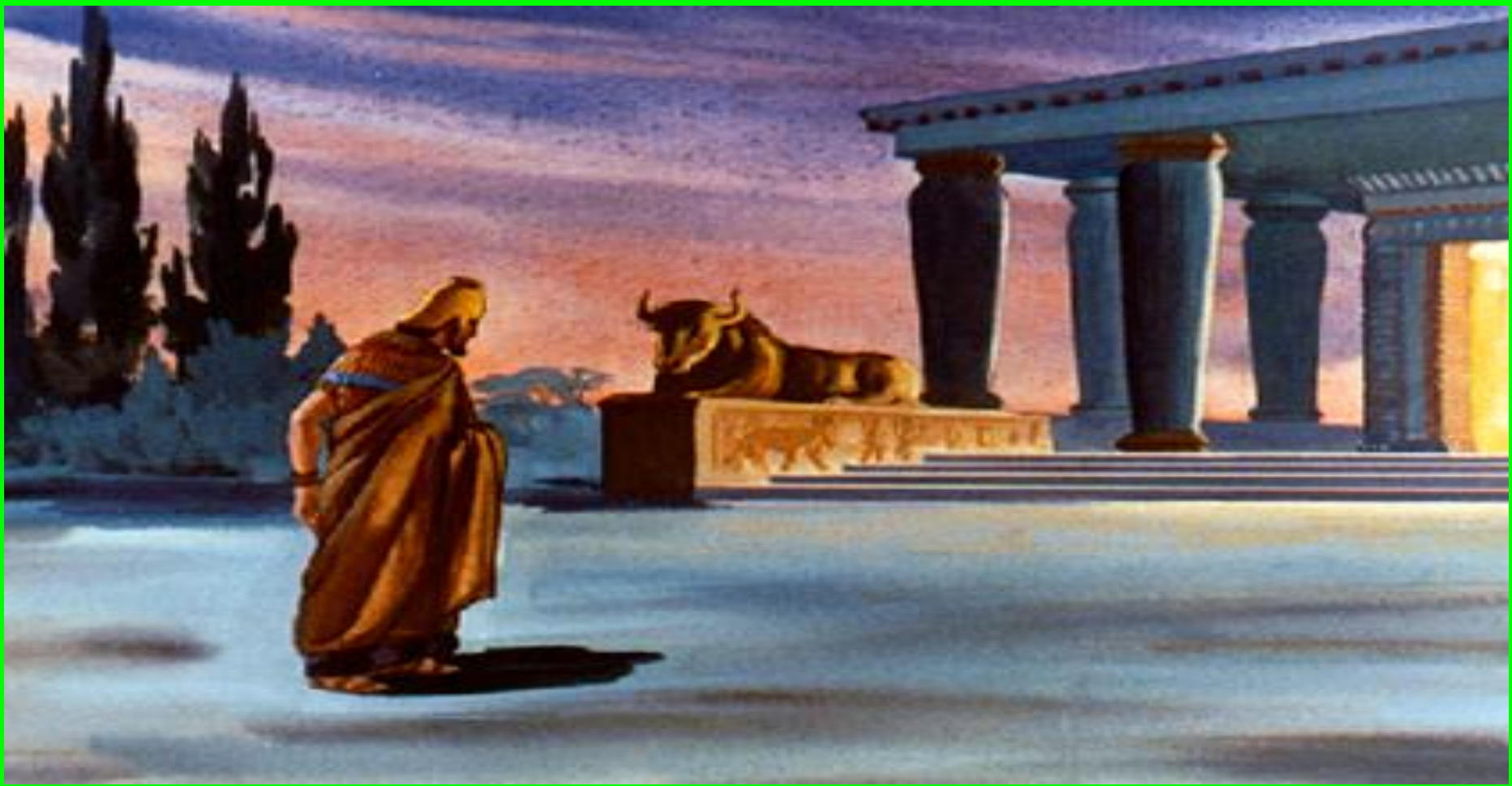
And then, Daniel was thrown to the lions.



And a great stone was brought and placed over the hole.



And the seal of the king was placed on the covering so that no one would dare to remove it.



The king returned to the palace with a very heavy heart.

The king went to his house and spent the night without his evening meal; for they brought no meats to him.

Note: how a pagan king kept a vigil and fasted while his friend Daniel was in danger.

When our families are facing dangers, we should fast and pray as well.

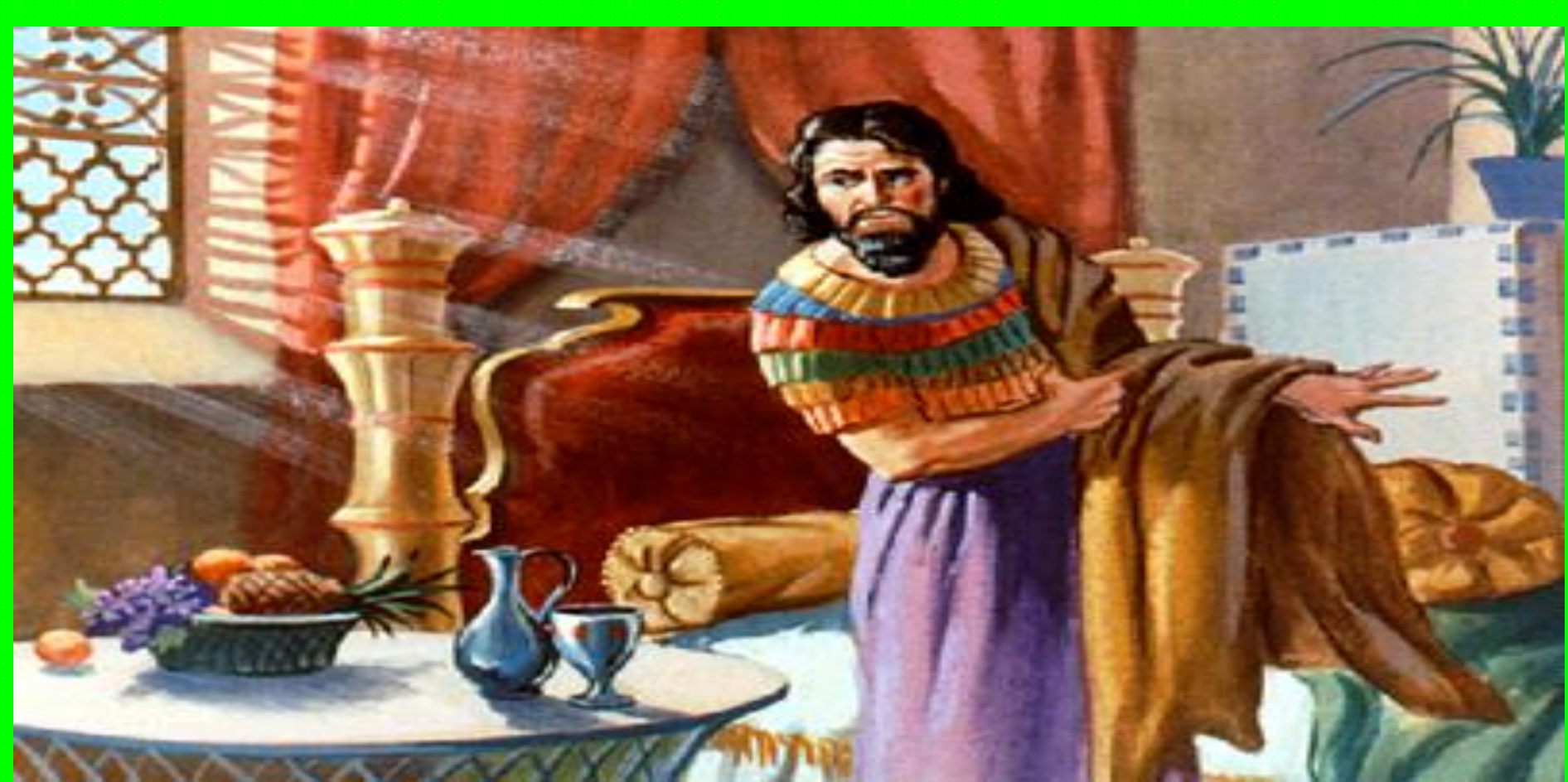
James 5:16

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.



All night long the king thought about Daniel and wondered if he would ever again hear the voice of his friend. Daniel must have known about the law, and yet Daniel continued to pray. Was it possible that God would save Daniel from the lions?



When the rays of the morning sun told King Darius that his night of despair was over, the king hurriedly dressed himself...



...and he ran to the place where the lions were kept and ordered the stone be taken away.



The stone was removed and the king cried out, “Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the lions?”



And the King Darius listened, hoping to hear the voice of his friend.



“O king, live forever.” “My God has sent His angel, and has shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before Him innocency was found in me; and also before you, O king, have I done no hurt.”



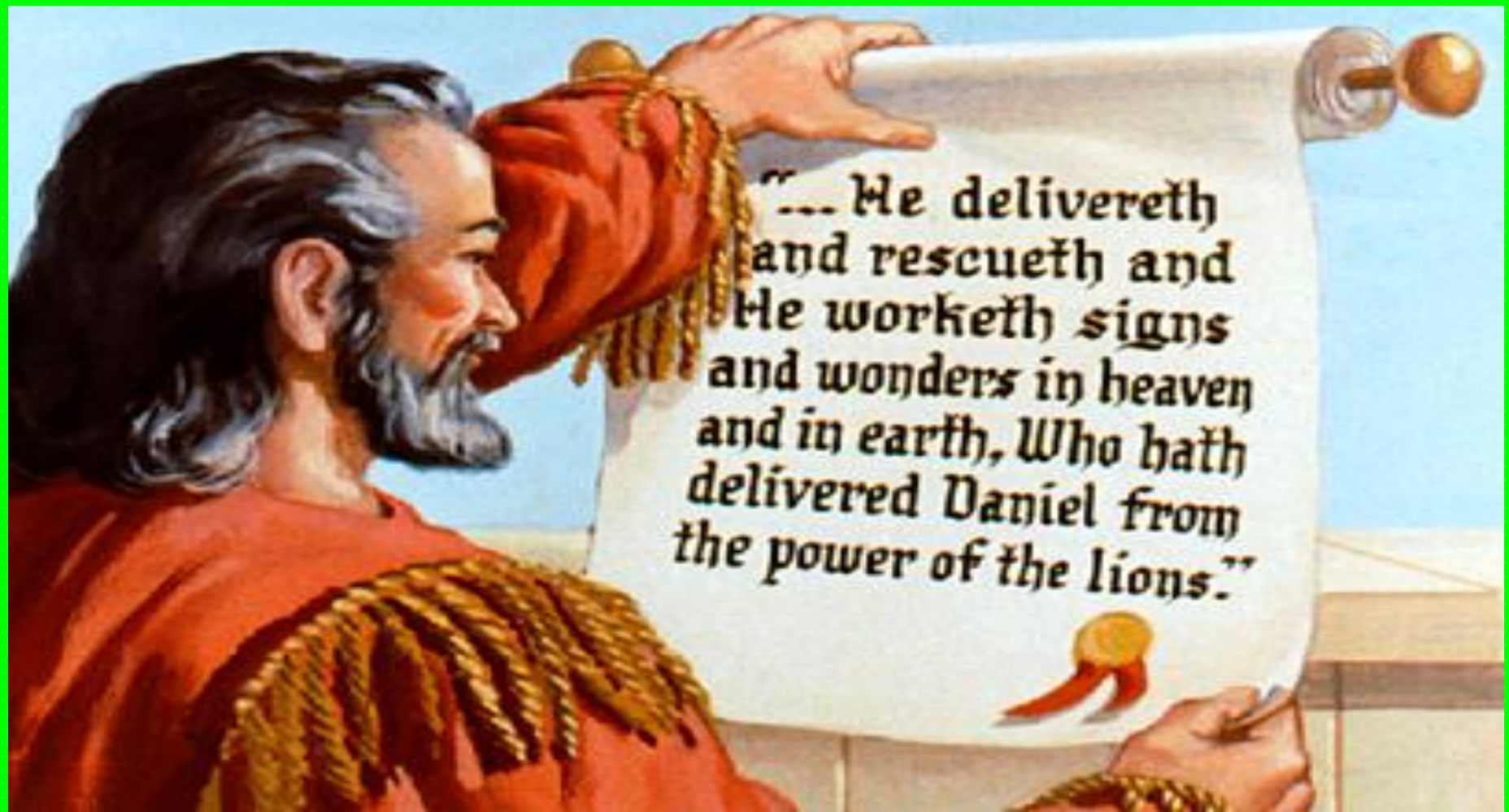
The king was happy to hear the voice of Daniel and he commanded that his friend be taken out of the lions' den at once.



And he further commanded that the wicked princes – the men who had plotted against Daniel – be thrown to the lions in Daniel's place.



And then the king signed another law. This law said that all men were to tremble and fear before God.



The God of Daniel is the living God forever.

The Bible tells us that If we live in the fear of God, and walk according to that rule, peace shall be upon us. The kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever, are the Lord's Jesus Christ. God can bring good out of evil.

Daniel 6:27

He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Conclusion

- ▶ **God's care for Daniel and those who trust in God live in peace and no one can hurt them.**
- ▶ **God can protect us from every danger or any thing that would hurt us. He is strong and mighty, He is stronger than the strongest lions and can shut their mouths.**
- ▶ **God keeps us out of danger if we rely on Him.**

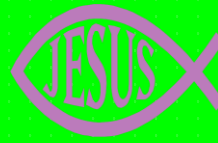
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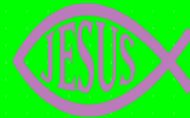


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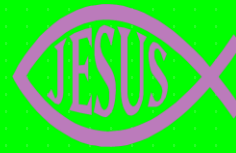
1. Why did the other princes in the kingdom hate Daniel?
 - a) Because Daniel was richer than they were.
 - b) Because King Darius had given him the place of authority over all the other princes.
2. Spying on Daniel helped the princes find something wrong in his life.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
3. The jealous princes thought of a plan that would trick Daniel into disobeying the king.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

Pop Quiz



4. This plan resulted in a law that said...
 - a) no one in the kingdom could ask for anything from anyone except from the king.
 - b) everyone had to worship their own gods on Saturdays.
5. How did Daniel break the law?
 - a) He ate a forbidden food.
 - b) He prayed to God asking for guidance and blessing.
6. What was the penalty for anyone who broke this new law?
 - a) They would be thrown into a den of lions.
 - b) They would be put in prison for ten years.

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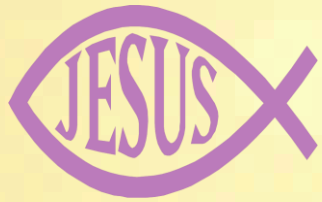


7. King Darius did not like Daniel and was happy to see him punished.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
8. Daniel was thrown into the den of lions because he broke the law.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
9. The hungry lions killed Daniel.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.
10. The king signed another law commanding everyone to fear the living God,
the God of Daniel.
 - a) True.
 - b) False.

The End

Next Week

We will learn about
Esther.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

