"Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: 'Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall never be destroyed, and His dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, He who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.'"
- Daniel 6:25-27

Many of us remember the story of Daniel in the lion's den. In the story from the Bible, Daniel has become second in command to King Darius of the Persian Empire. Some of the other leaders were jealous of Daniel. So, they tricked the king into making a law that everyone should pray to only the king.

These other leaders knew that Daniel only prayed to his God and this law would definitely get Daniel in a lot of trouble. Then they turned Daniel in to the king for the prescribed punishment of being thrown into the lion's den and certain death. This would get Daniel out of the way so that one of them could take his position.

King Darius had no choice, he had made the law, so he had Daniel thrown to the lions. God intervened and sent an angel to protect Daniel from the lions. King Darius really liked Daniel and came the next day to check on him. He found him still alive.

What a great lesson for you and for me about keeping our trust in our Lord and God. God protected and rescued him from the lions. The main message of the passage is to trust in God, but I think there is an added bonus.

Read the decree King Darius wrote and sent to his whole empire. Everyone in the Persian Empire read about the God of Daniel. Daniel's trust in God helped spread the knowledge of who the true and only God was and is. When you and I stand firm in our trust of God, many others will see who He is.

In Christ Jesus,
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