# Lesson 8 Daniel 6:2-29Daniel and the Lion’s Den

1. (Faith) Once again we see numerous parallels between Daniel and Jesus.
What parallels do you see in the following pairs of verses? (In many cases a highlighter will do.)

Daniel 6:8

All the ministers of the kingdom, the prefects, satraps, counselors, and governors agree that the following prohibition ought to be put in force by royal decree: for thirty days, whoever makes a petition to anyone, divine or human, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions.

Matthew 26:3-4

Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they consulted together to arrest Jesus by treachery and put him to death.

Daniel 6:5

Then the ministers and satraps tried to find grounds for accusation against Daniel regarding the kingdom. But they could not accuse him of any corruption.

Matthew 26:59-60

The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, 60 but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward.

Daniel 6:23

My God sent his angel and closed the lions’ mouths so that they have not hurt me. For I have been found innocent before him; neither have I done you any harm, O king!”

Luke 23:22

Pilate addressed them a third time, "What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him."

Daniel 6:24

This gave the king great joy. At his order Daniel was brought up from the den;
he was found to be unharmed because he trusted in his God.

Matthew 28:5-6

Then the angel said to the women in reply, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Daniel 6:27-28

I decree that throughout my royal domain the God of Daniel is to be reverenced and feared: “For he is the living God, enduring forever, whose kingdom shall not be destroyed, whose dominion shall be without end,

Matthew 27: 54

The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, “Truly, this was the Son of God!”

1. (Hope) Because of Daniel’s faithfulness, the king recognizes the truth of the one true God.
How does this pagan king’s recognition encourage your faith and hope in the promises of God,
especially in the terms the king mentions in verse 28?

Daniel 6:27-28

27 I decree that throughout my royal domain the God of Daniel is to be reverenced and feared:

 “For he is the living God, enduring forever, whose kingdom shall not be destroyed,

 whose dominion shall be without end,

28 A savior and deliverer, working signs and wonders in heaven and on earth,

 who saved Daniel from the lions’ power.”

1. (Love) Notice that Daniel offers no words of reproach against the king or even against those who accused him; (although the king punished the accusers as would be his duty.) Daniel has borne injustice patiently, one of the spiritual works of mercy.
How does this illustrate the nature of Christian love?

Daniel 6:22-23

22 Daniel answered the king: “O king, live forever!

23 My God sent his angel and closed the lions’ mouths so that they have not hurt me.
 For I have been found innocent before him; neither have I done you any harm, O king!”