



***“Faith Over Fear”***  
***Courage for Challenging Times***  
***Week 3***



Psalm 23:4

*“Even though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”*



Proverbs 3:5-6

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and lean not on your own understanding;  
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## Daniel 6:1-11

*“It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps  
to rule throughout the kingdom,  
<sup>2</sup> with three administrators over them,  
one of whom was Daniel.*

*The satraps were made accountable to them  
so that the king might not suffer loss.*

*<sup>3</sup> Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the  
administrators and the satraps by his exceptional  
qualities that the king planned  
to set him over the whole kingdom*

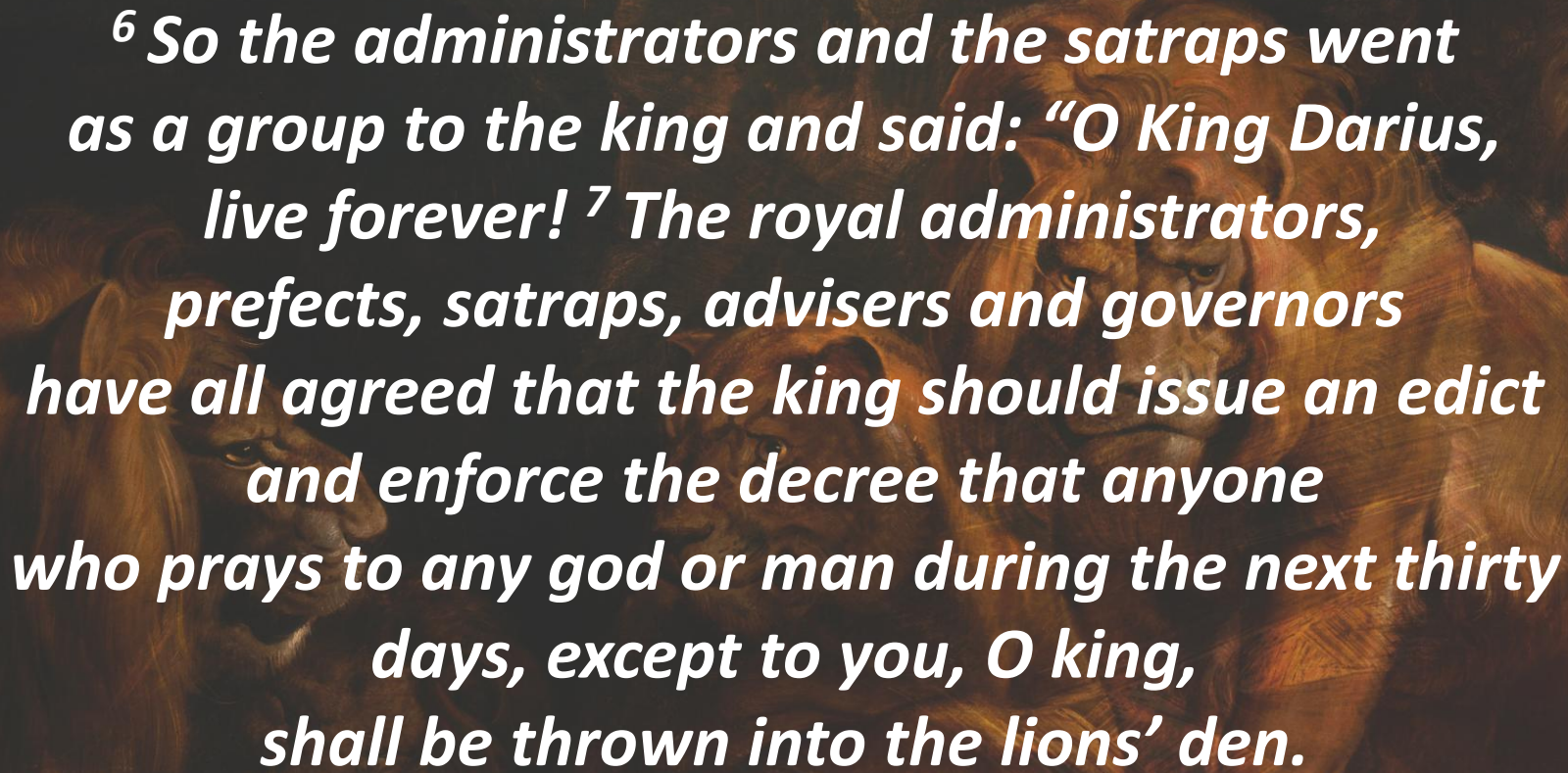
## Daniel 6:1-11

***<sup>4</sup> At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent.***

***<sup>5</sup> Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”***

## Daniel 6:1-11

***<sup>6</sup> So the administrators and the satraps went as a group to the king and said: “O King Darius, live forever! <sup>7</sup> The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or man during the next thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the lions’ den.***

A painting of a lion's den with several lions. The scene is dimly lit, with warm, golden-brown tones. In the foreground, a large lion is the central focus, looking towards the left. Behind it, several other lions are visible, some resting and others looking in different directions. The background is dark and indistinct, suggesting a cave or a confined space.



**Daniel 6:1-11**

***<sup>8</sup> Now, O king, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the laws of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”***

***<sup>9</sup> So King Darius put the decree in writing.***

## Daniel 6:1-11

***10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.***

***11 Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help.***

*Battle fear with Consistent Prayer*



**Daniel 6:16-22**

***“So the king gave the order,  
and they brought Daniel  
and threw him into the lions’ den.  
The king said to Daniel, “May your God,  
whom you serve continually, rescue you!””***

A dramatic painting of a lion's den. Several lions are depicted in various poses, some looking towards the viewer, others looking away. The lighting is warm and focused, highlighting the texture of the lions' manes and the intensity of their expressions. The background is dark and shadowy, suggesting a confined space.

## Daniel 6:16-22

***17 A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. 18 Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment (**Distraught**) being brought to him. And he could not sleep.***

## Daniel 6:16-22

***19 At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den.***

***20 When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"***

***21 Daniel answered, "O king, live forever!***

***22 My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, O king."***

*Depend on God's Sovereignty*

*Faith Conquers fear*

## Daniel 6:25-27

*“Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations and men of every language throughout the land:*

*“May you prosper greatly!*

*<sup>26</sup> “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel.*

*“For he is the living God and he endures forever; his kingdom will not be destroyed,  
his dominion will never end.*

*<sup>27</sup> He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth.*

*He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”*