

Title: Looking at Lions

Text: Daniel 6 (**God is my judge**)

Target: The Lion in you is greater than the lions surrounding you!

- I. **Your Character-Counts:** "...an **excellent spirit** was within him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom." (Vs. 3)
 - A. **No Complaints:** "sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard **to the kingdom**" (Vs. 4a)
 - B. **No Faults:** "but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because **he was faithful**." (Vs. 4b)
 - C. **No Grounds:** "Then these men said, "We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in **connection** with the law of his God." (Vs. 5)
- II. **Your Conviction-Matters:** "When Daniel knew that the document had been signed," (Vs. 10a)
 - A. **Get Perspective:** "he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber **open toward Jerusalem**" (Vs. 10b)
 - B. **Grow Persistent:** "He got down on his knees **three times a day** and prayed (Vs. 10c)
 - C. **Give Praise:** "and **gave thanks** before his God, as he had done previously." (10d)
 - D. **Gain Provision:** "found Daniel making a **petition** and **plea** before His God." (Vs. 11)
- III. **Your Courage-Inspires:** "Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you **serve continually**, deliver you!" (Vs. 16)
 - A. **Revelation of a Person:** "My God sent his **angel** and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." (Vs. 22)
 - B. **Demonstration of Protection:** "So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and **no kind of harm** was found on him, because he had trusted in God." (Vs. 23)
 - C. **Proclamation of Peace:** "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, (Vs. 25-26)

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 _____ from the power of the lions. (Vs. 26b-27)

Takeaway: If God doesn't rescue you from the lion's den, he will rescue you from within the lion's den.