

Trusting God In The Lions' Den

Daniel 6

Into the Lesson:

Spend some time contemplating a few of the over 100 scriptural references (that I found on my "handheld rectangular idol") to lions.

Take note of the references that are symbolic, literal or proclaiming coming judgements.

Deuteronomy 33:22-

I Samuel 17:36-37-

Isaiah 5:29-

Jerimiah 50:17-

I Peter 1:5-8-

Judges 14:5-9-

Psalm 10:3-9-

Isaiah 11:6-7-

II Timothy 4:17-

Revelation 5:5-

Into the Word:

As was noted last week, significant periods of time have passed between chapters one and six, how do you account for the fact that Daniel (and his fellow youth group members) maintain a consistent influence?

What are the key verses from each of the proceeding chapters?

Reread Daniel 6, beginning at 5:30 (chapter not the time) and note the primary themes of the chapter.

From Lane's sermon, how is it that the new leadership already have an awareness of Daniel's reputation?

Respond to, "Then this Daniel..." (v.3).

Approximately how old is Daniel by this time?

What is the indication that the commissioners and satraps (v.4) are also aware of and threatened by his reputation?

To be reminded that suffering for God could be part of the "job description" read:

Hebrews 11:36-40-

II Corinthians 11:16-33-

James 1:2-5-

How do verses 18-23 give a clear indication of the impact Daniel had on King Darius?

Into Life:

Lane has mentioned in in past sermons, "we don't face persecution for our faith, but we could..."

What are some of the indications those times are coming nearer or already at hand when it comes to things like:

Handing out Bibles at college campuses-

Parental rights regarding "gender affirming care"-

Jailing peaceful abortion center protestors-

What does Lane mean by his comment, "Make sure you are being persecuted because of Him and not because of you"? How do we avoid that pitfall?

Who would have thought that so many years before when Daniel refused the king's food, he established the course for his life?

What are the reproducible parts of Daniel's (and those of his brothers) life that we can make a part of our lives?

What are some indications that the 21st century church in America tends to make an *idol of safety*?

How crucial is living out Romans 8:35-37 in our lives?

What role does an awareness of an "unshakable conviction and unswerving commitment to the One True God" play?

Except for being in a massive litter box, how cool would it have been to sleep with lions?

What needs to change in our lives to insure we too have that unshakable conviction and unswerving commitment to the One True God?

In our prayer life-

Our Bible study time-

Our fellowship, both inside and outside the church-

YOU CAN TRUST GOD!