# LESSON 12 FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**SUBJECT: Faith in Times of Trouble Devotional READING: Matthew 8:18-27**

**BACKGROUND: Daniel 6:1-28 LESSON: Daniel 6:10-11, 14, 16, 19-23, 26-27**

MEMORY VERSE: “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, Your Majesty.” Daniel 6:22 NIV

**LESSON AIM: To be inspired to keep the faith and pray without ceasing.**

## INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY OUTLINE

 **I. DARIUS’ FIRST DECREE: DANIEL 6:1-7**

1. **Locate the Medo-Persian Empire on a map.**

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1. **What were the administrative positions in the Medo-Persian Empire? Daniel 6:1-2, 7a**
2. **What position was Daniel appointed to in Medo-Persian Empire? Who was the king? Daniel 6:1-2**
3. **What did the king intend to make Daniel in his kingdom? Why? Daniel 6:3**
4. **What did the other officials plot against Daniel? Why? Daniel 6:3-4a**
5. **What was the result of the other officials’ attempt to find fault in Daniel’s reputation and work? Daniel 6:4bcd**
6. **What conclusion did Daniel’s enemies reach regarding him? Daniel 6:5**
7. **What did Daniel’s enemies specifically do to try to discredit him and put him at odds with the king? Daniel 6:6-7a**
8. **What was the suggested consequence if someone did not obey the decree? Daniel 6:7b**
9. **What did Daniel’s enemies do to make sure the decree was binding? Daniel 6:8**
10. **What was King Darius’ decision about the officials’ petition? Daniel 6:9**
11. **How many days would King Darius to be considered a god? Daniel 6:7**

**II. DANIEL’S DETERMINATION: DANIEL 6:10-11**

1. **What did Daniel do after the king’s decree had been signed and published? Daniel 6:10**
2. **What did Daniel’s enemies do after the decree had been published? Daniel 6:11a**
3. **What was Daniel doing when his enemies found him? Daniel 6:11b**

**III. DANIELS DEATH SENTENCE: DANIEL 6:12-18**

1. **What did the officials next do after they found Daniel? Daniel 6:12a, 13**
2. **What was the king’s initial response to the official’s report? Daniel 6:12b**
3. **How did the king feel once he found out it was Daniel who was guilty of breaking the decree? Daniel 6:14**
4. **What did the officials do once they discovered that the king did not want to punish Daniel? Daniel 6:15**
5. **What was the king forced to do with respect to Daniel? Daniel 6:16a, 17**
6. **What hope did Darius voice about Daniel after he was placed in the lions’ den? Daniel 6:16b**
7. **How was Darius affected by his decision? Daniel 6:18**

**IV. DANIEL’S DELIVERANCE: DANIEL 6:19-24**

1. **What did Darius do the next day after sentencing Daniel? Why do you think so? Daniel 6:19**
2. **What did Darius want to know when he arrived at the lions’ den? What does this reveal about how he had been influenced by Daniel? Daniel 6:20**
3. **What were Daniel’s first words to Darius? Daniel 6:21**
4. **How did Daniel explain his deliverance? Daniel 6:22ab**
5. **Why did Daniel say he was delivered? Daniel 6:22c**
6. **What did Daniel remind Darius? Daniel 6:22d**
7. **What did Darius do after hearing Daniel’s voice? Daniel 6:23**
8. **What happened to those who had falsely accused Daniel? Daniel 6:24**

**V. DARIUS’ SECOND DECREE: DANIEL 6:25-28**

1. **What did Darius wish on his subjects?** **Daniel 6:25**
2. **What did Darius direct all the people of the empire to do with respect to God? Daniel 6:26a**
3. **What did Darius describe about God’s character? Daniel 6:26b**
4. **How did Darius describe God’s kingdom and His dominion? Daniel 6:26c**
5. **What did Darius say about God’s general acts and personal acts toward Daniel? Daniel 6:27**
6. **What became of Daniel after his deliverance and the new decree? Daniel 6:28**

**SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION**

1. **What does the sixth chapter of Daniel reveal about Daniel’s faith and God’s faithfulness?**
2. **What saved Daniel? Are we always saved as Daniel?**