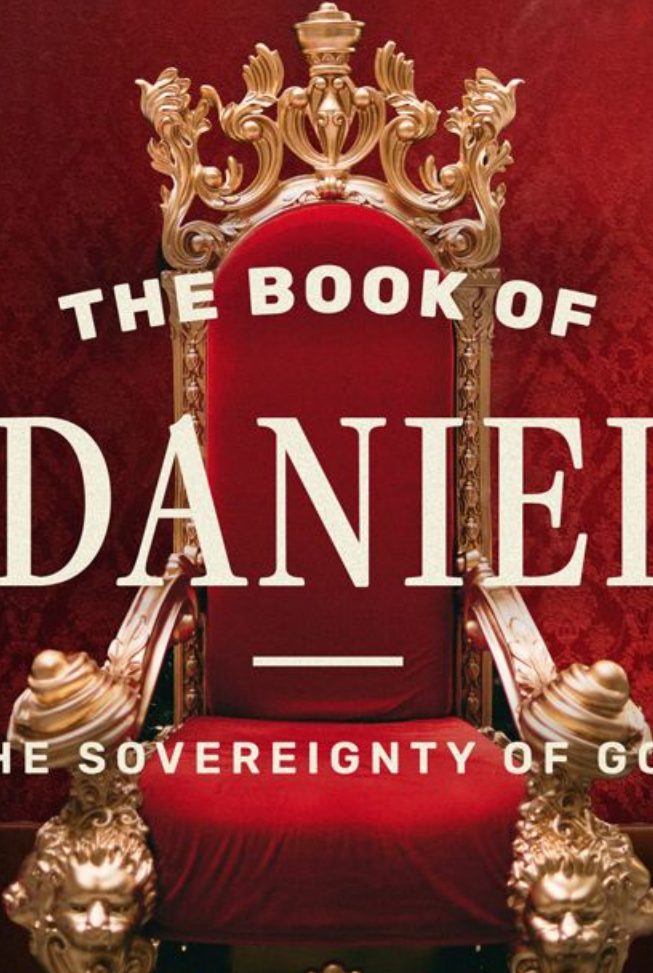




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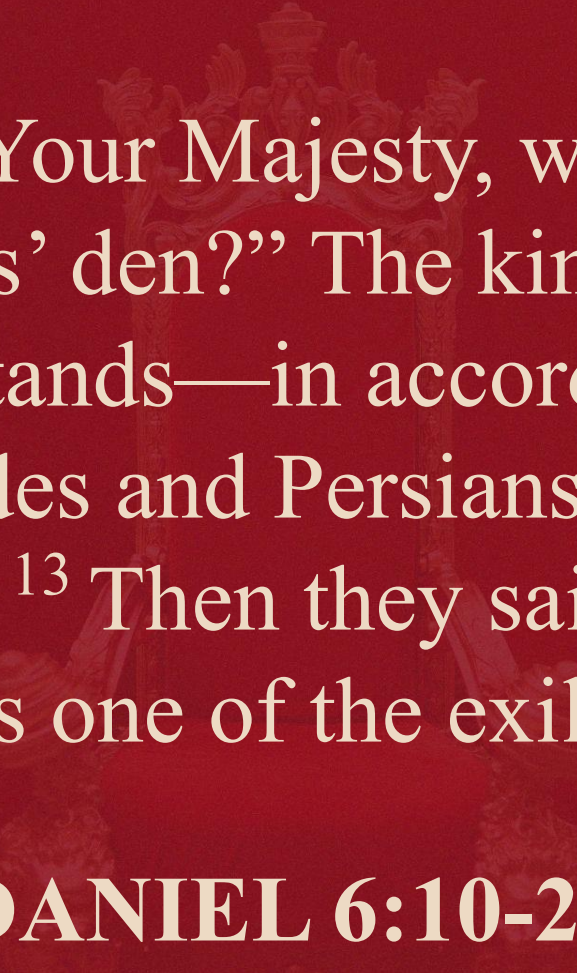
RESCUED FROM LIONS

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¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹² So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being

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except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown
into the lions' den?" The king answered,
"The decree stands—in accordance with the
law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot
be repealed." ¹³ Then they said to the king,
"Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah,

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pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” ¹⁴ When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

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¹⁵ Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.” ¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel

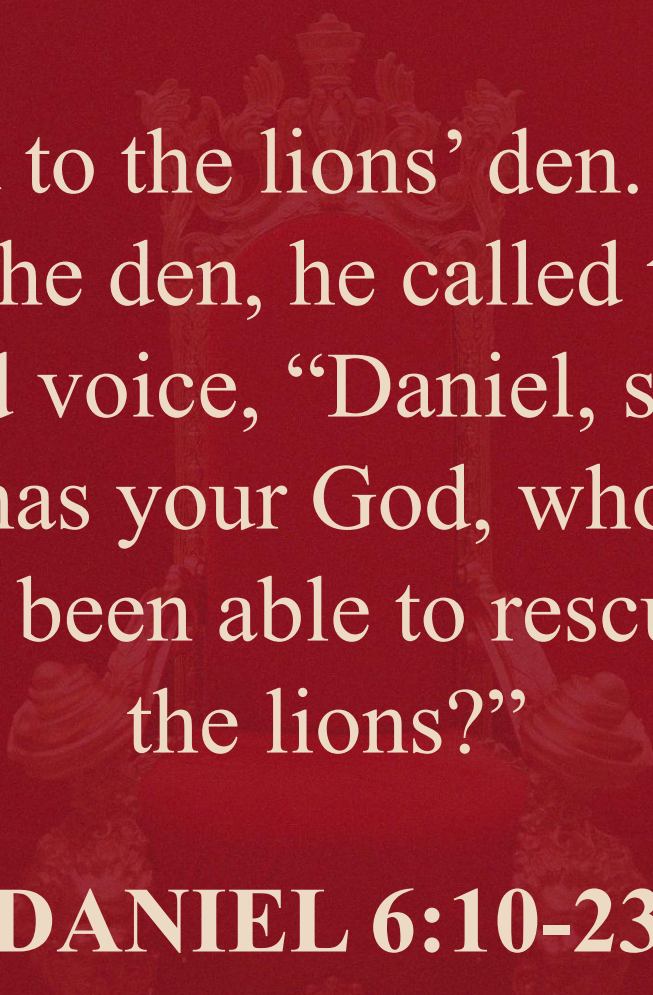
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and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles,

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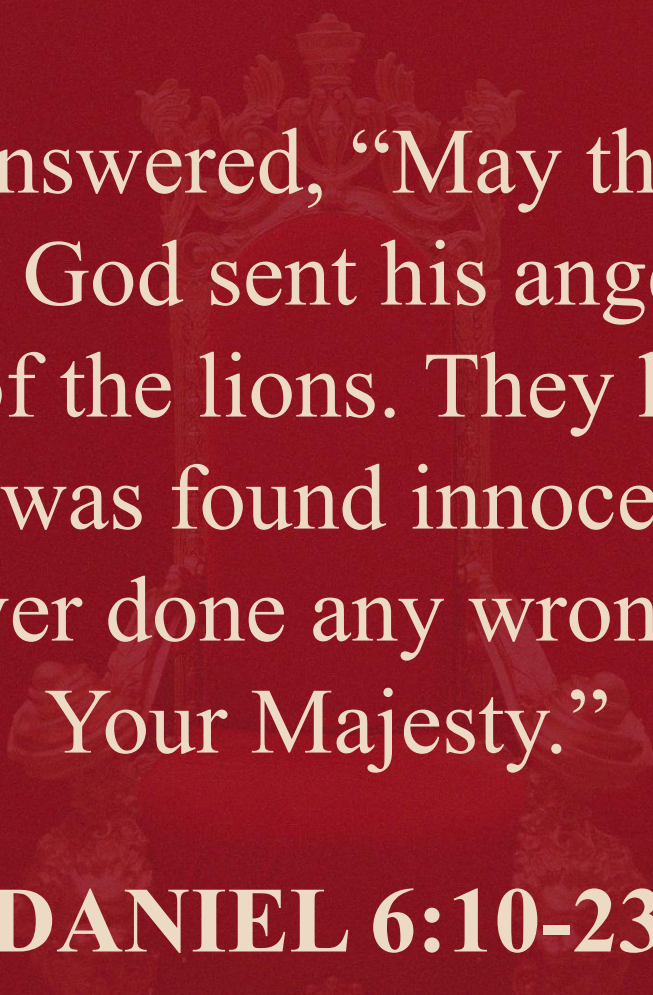
so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. ¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up

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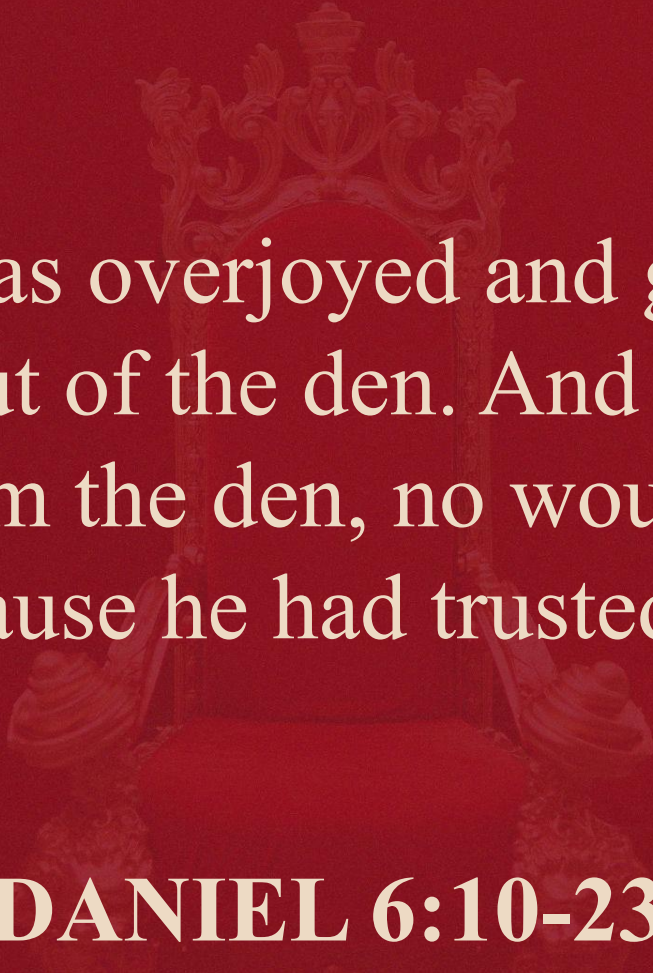
and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

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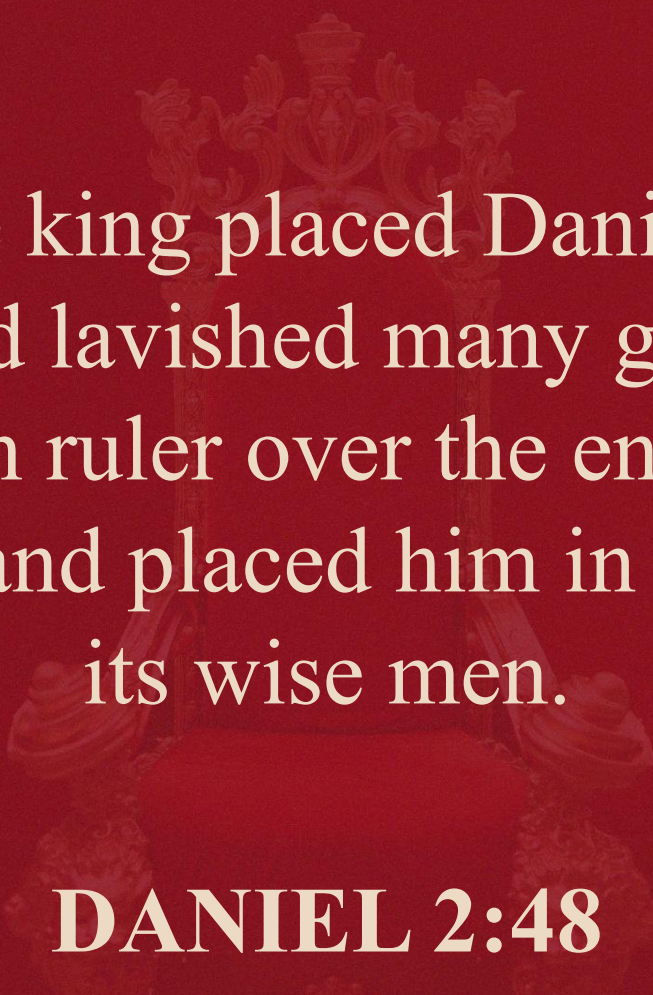


²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

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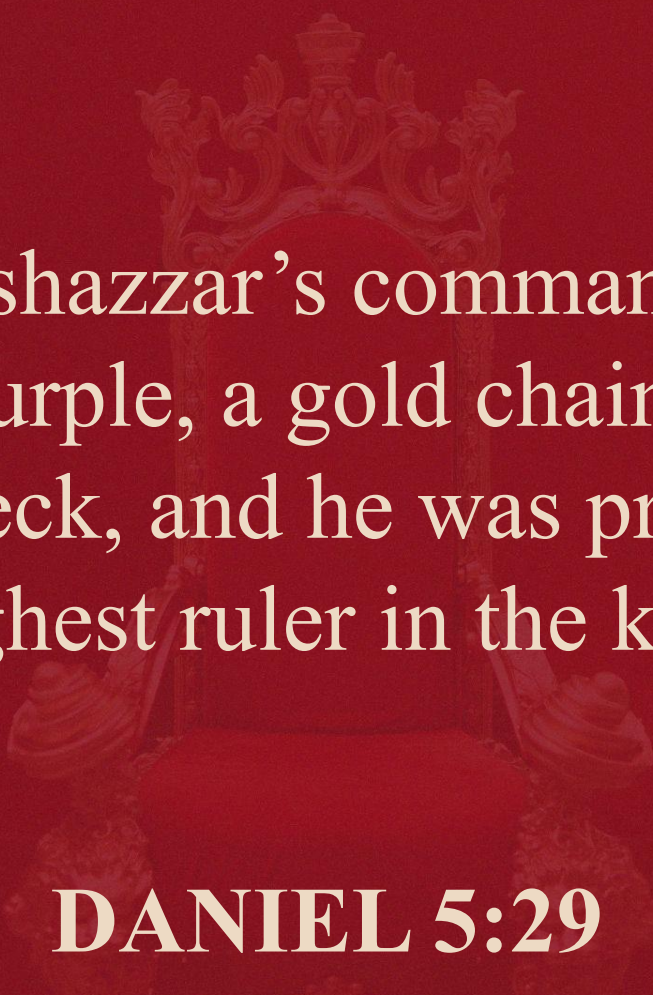
¹⁸ At the end of the time set by the king to bring them into his service, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service.

DANIEL 1:18-19



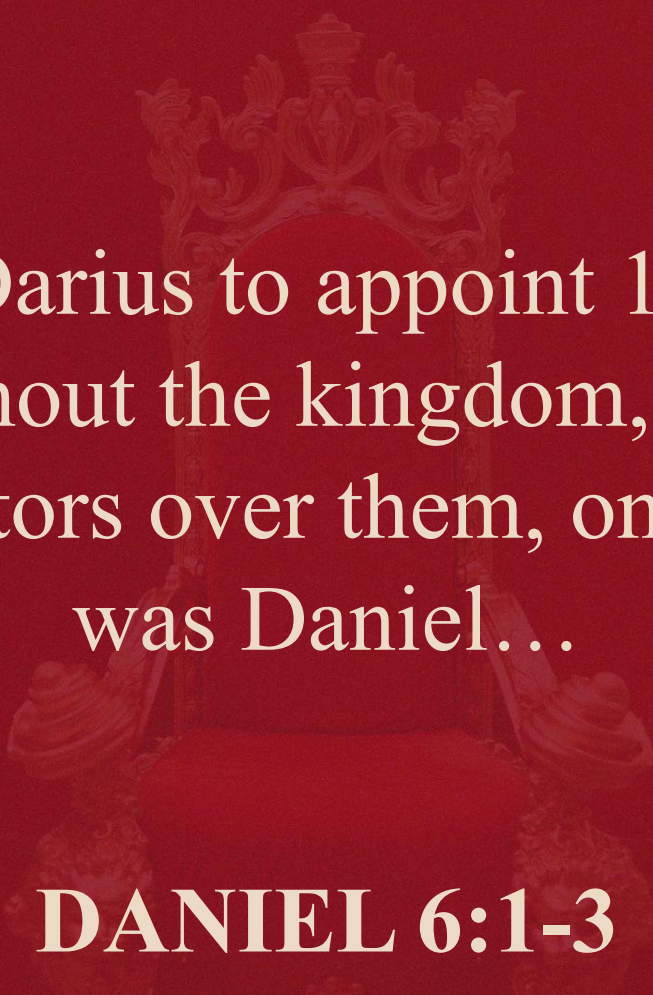
⁴⁸ Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men.

DANIEL 2:48



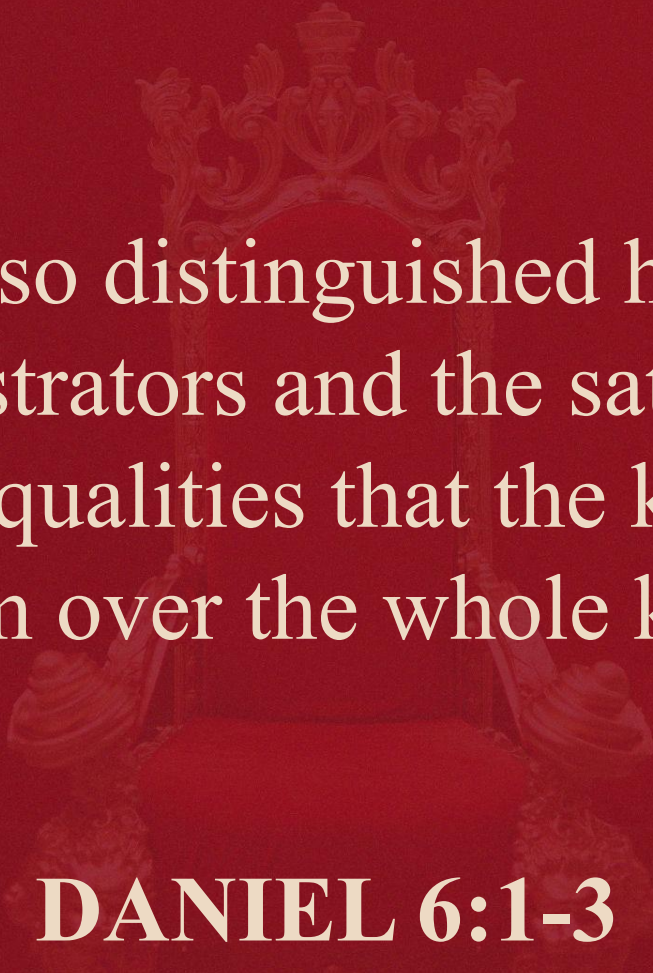
²⁹ Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

DANIEL 5:29



¹ It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ² with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel...

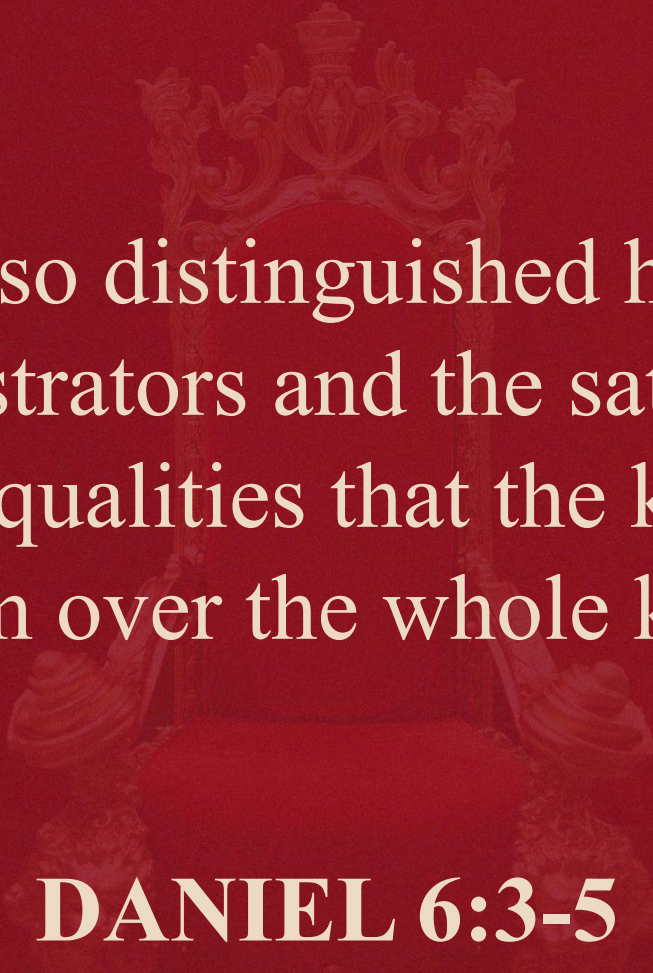
DANIEL 6:1-3



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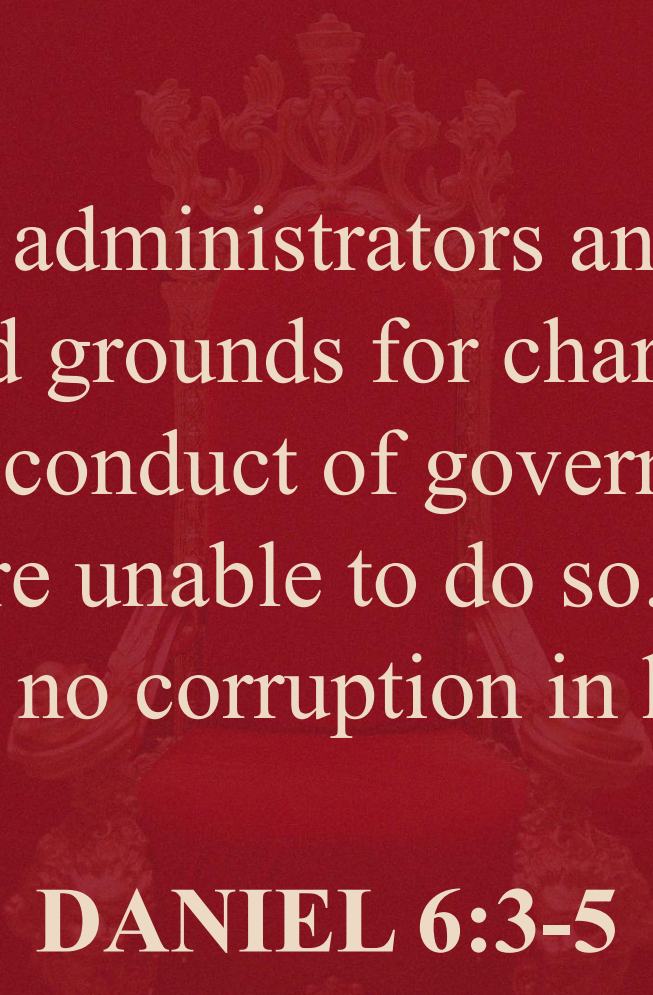
DANIEL 6:1-3

**FAITHFUL IN
EVERYTHING**



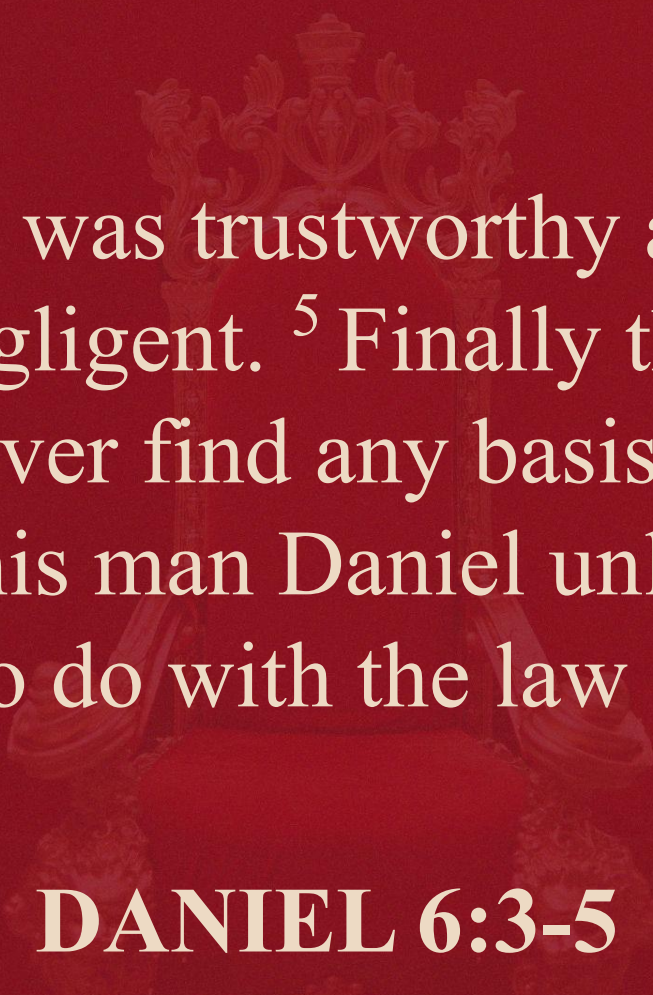
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DANIEL 6:3-5



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DANIEL 6:3-5

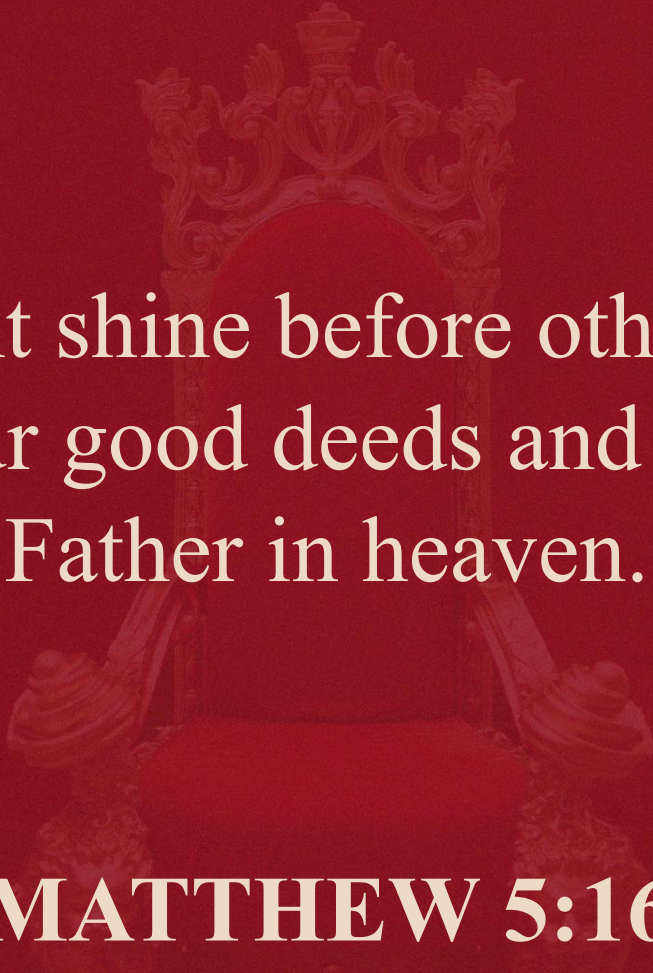


because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵ Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

DANIEL 6:3-5

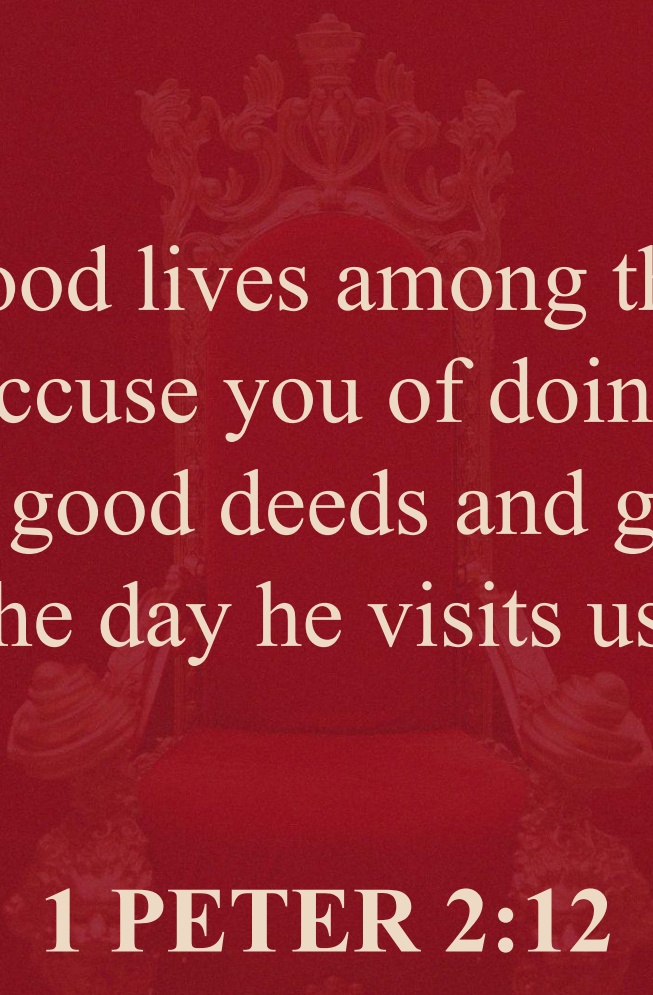
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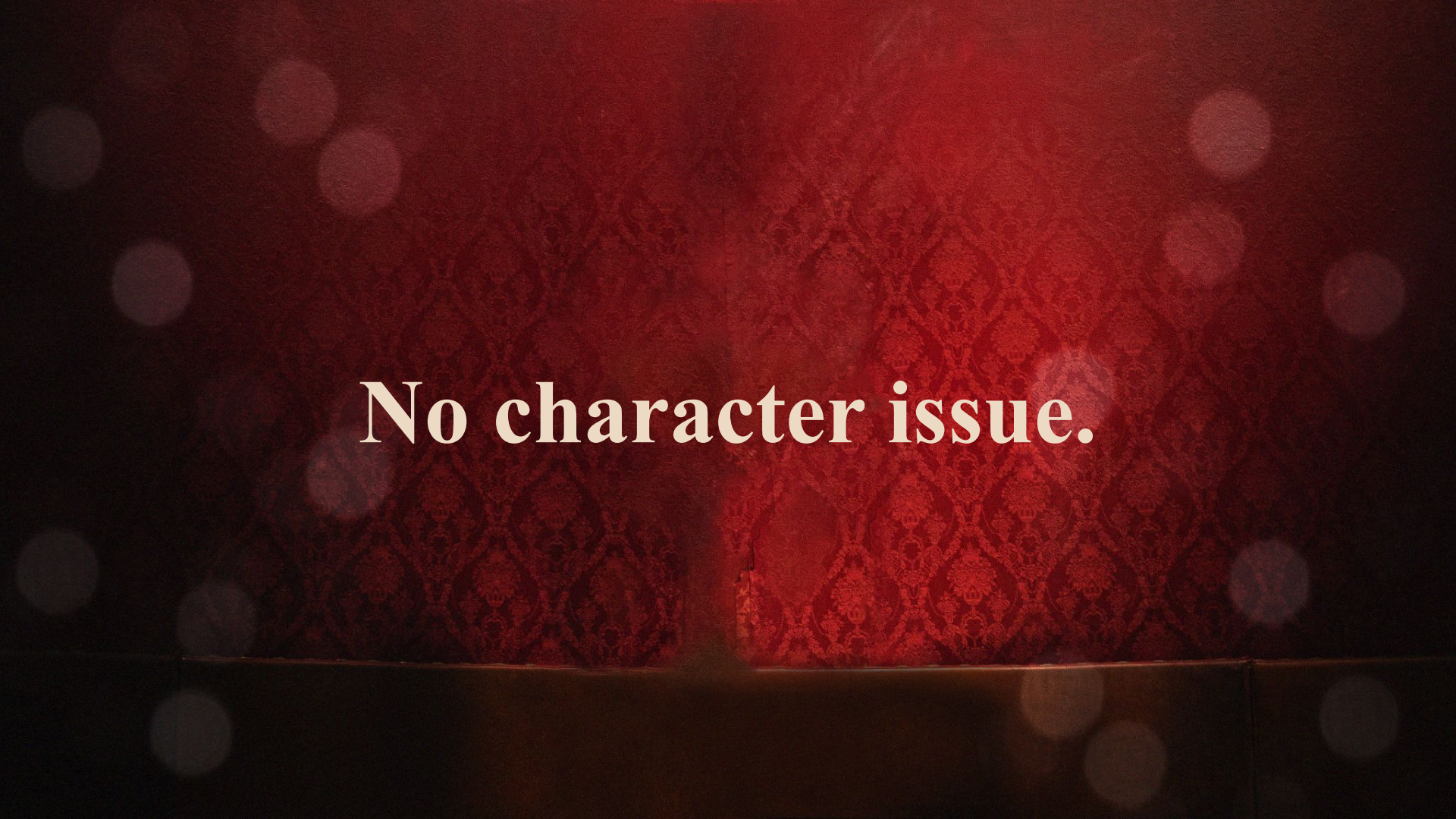
Let your light shine before others, that they
may see your good deeds and glorify your
Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16



¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

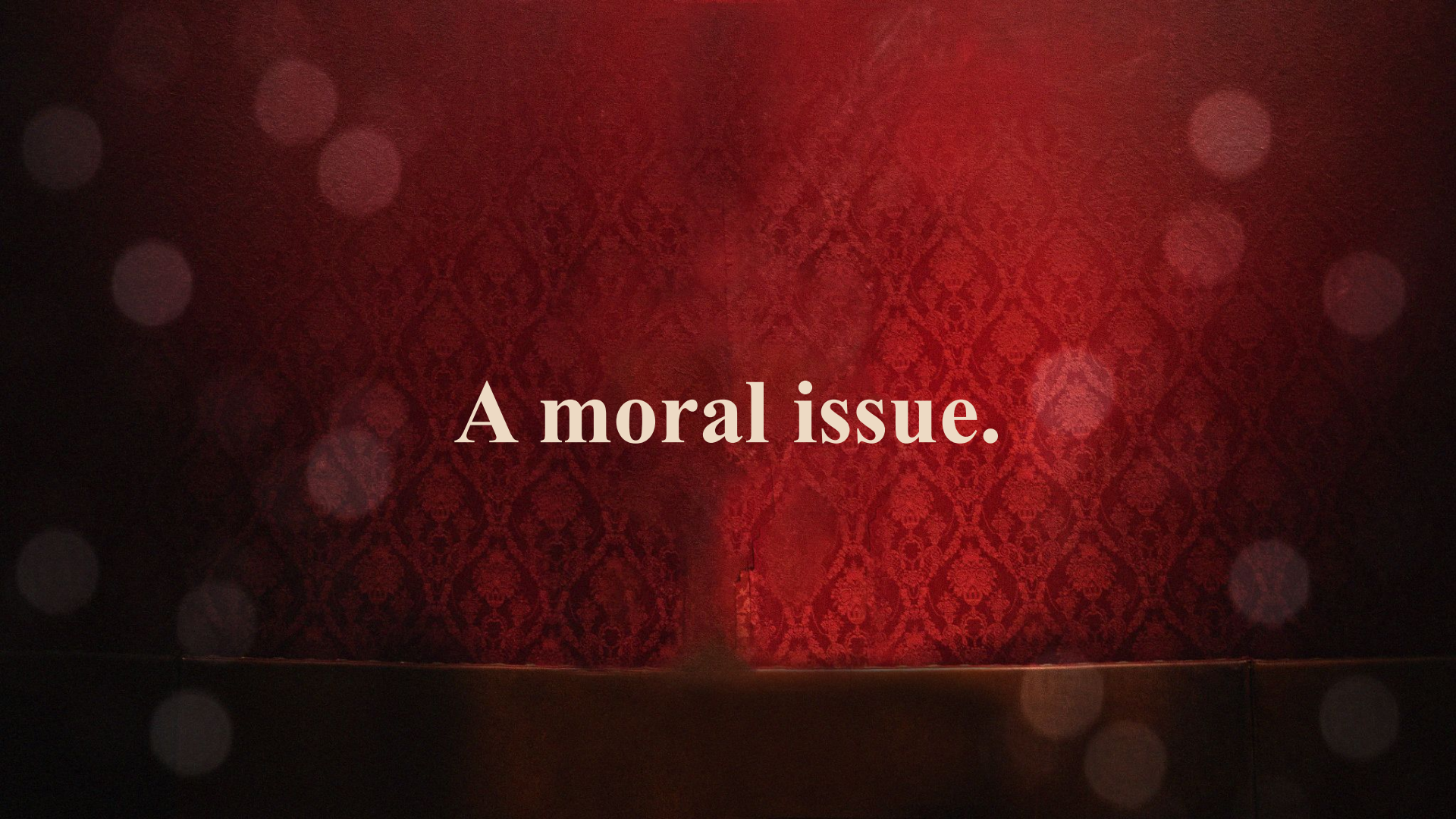
1 PETER 2:12

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No character issue.

⁷ In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness ⁸ and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

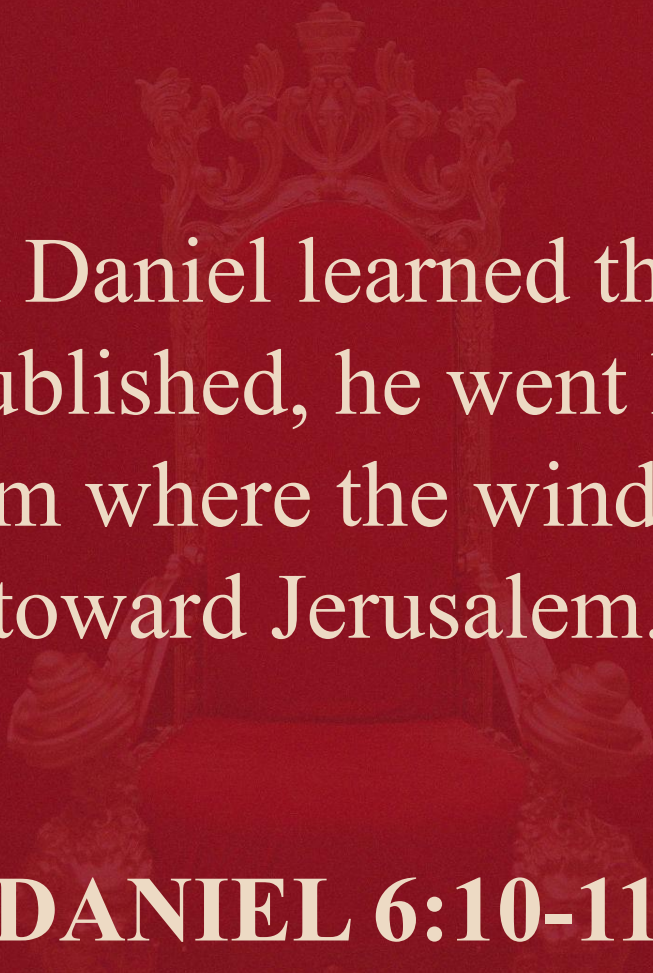
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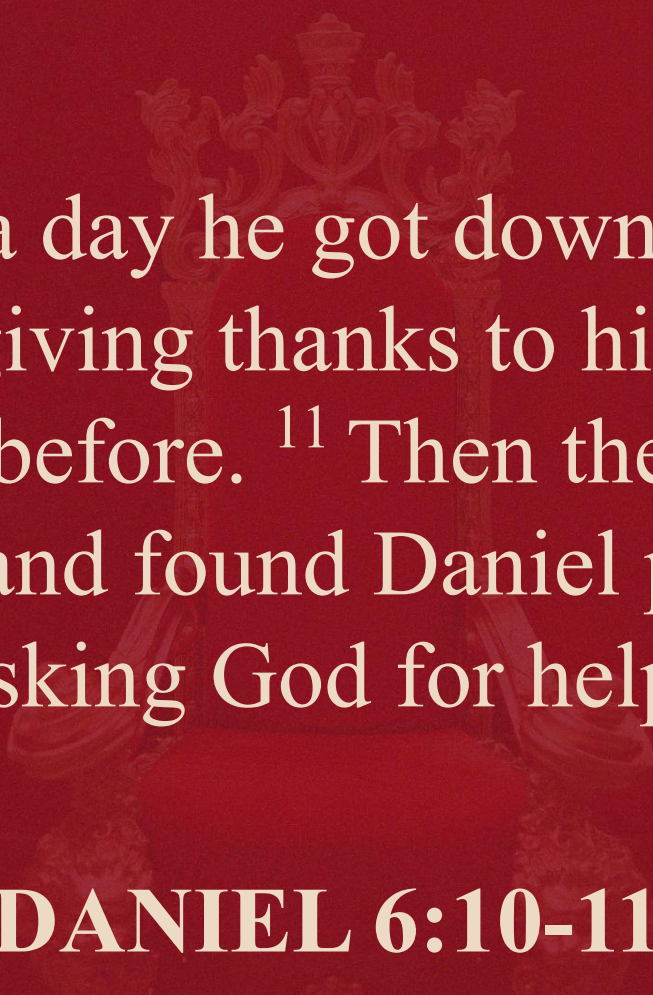
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DANIEL 6:10-11



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DANIEL 6:10-11

**Daniel did not pray in private,
but in public.**

**Though the temple was destroyed,
Daniel maintained the practice of
praying towards Jerusalem.**

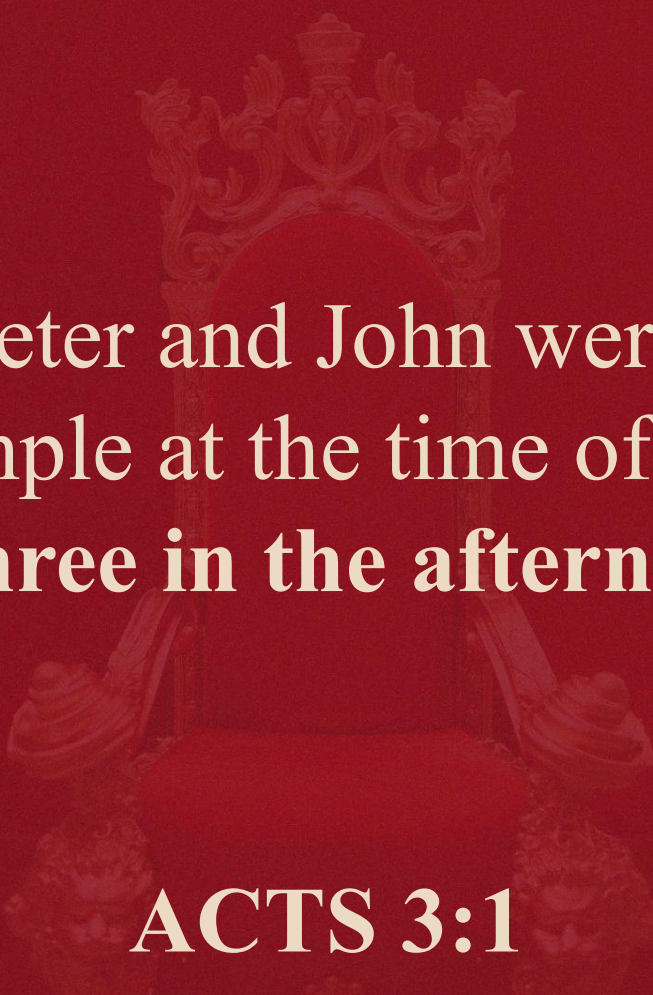


Hear the supplication of your servant and
of your people Israel when they pray toward
this place.

1 KINGS 8:29 & 2 CHRONICLES 6:21

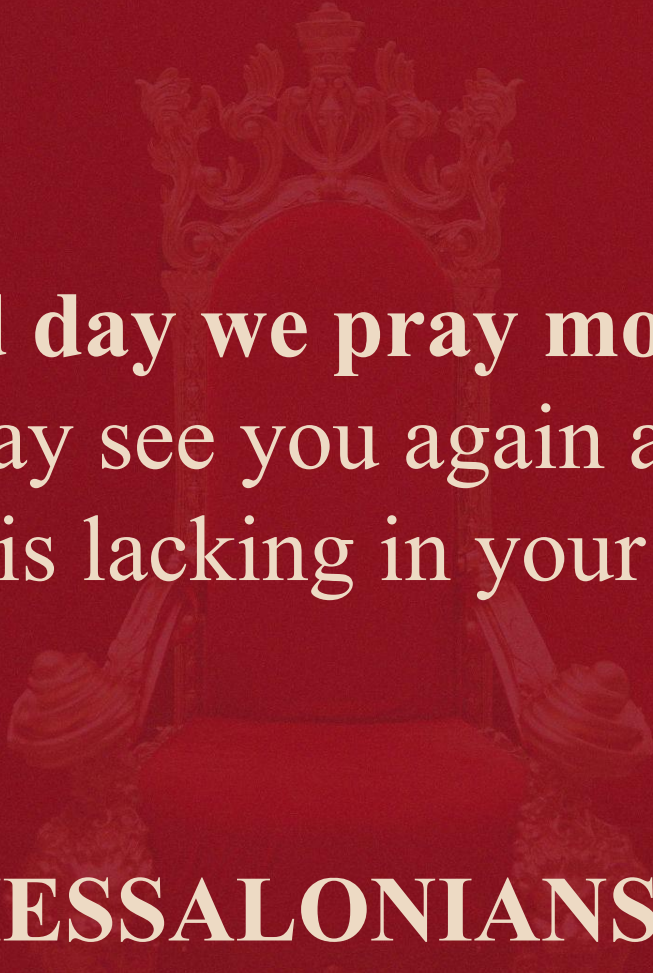
**Many people only pray when
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prayed everyday.**

**Daniel did not pray once a day,
but three times a day.**



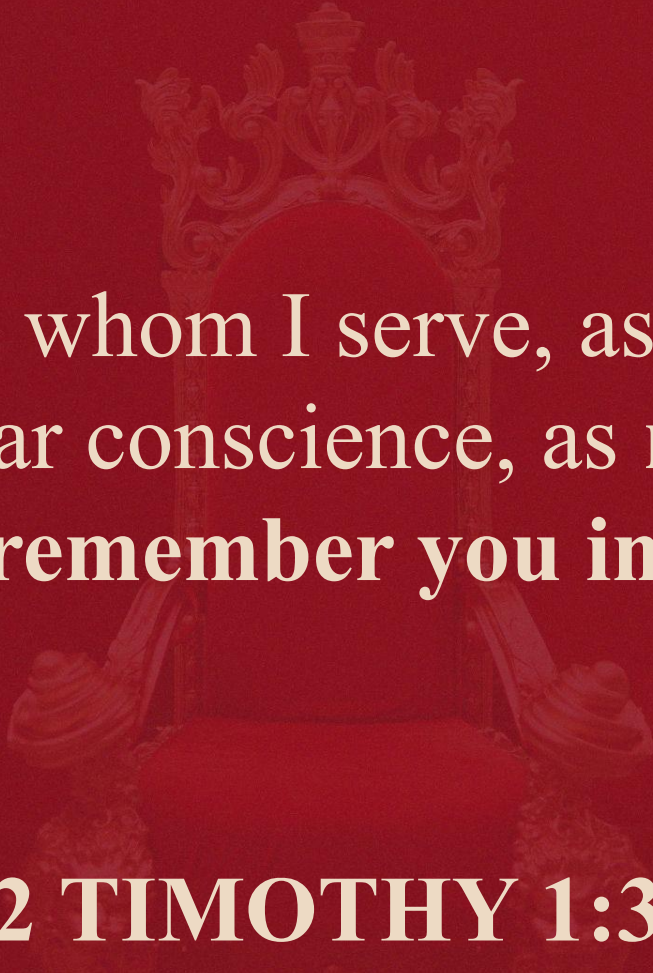
One day Peter and John were going up
to the temple at the time of prayer—
at three in the afternoon.

ACTS 3:1



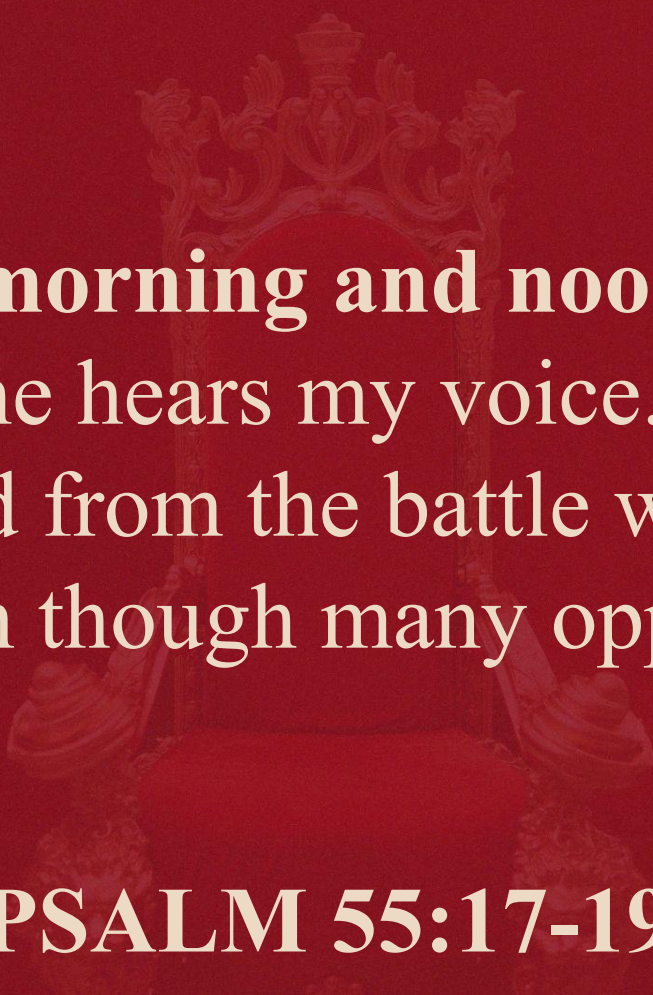
¹⁰ **Night and day we pray most earnestly**
that we may see you again and supply
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1 THESSALONIANS 3:10



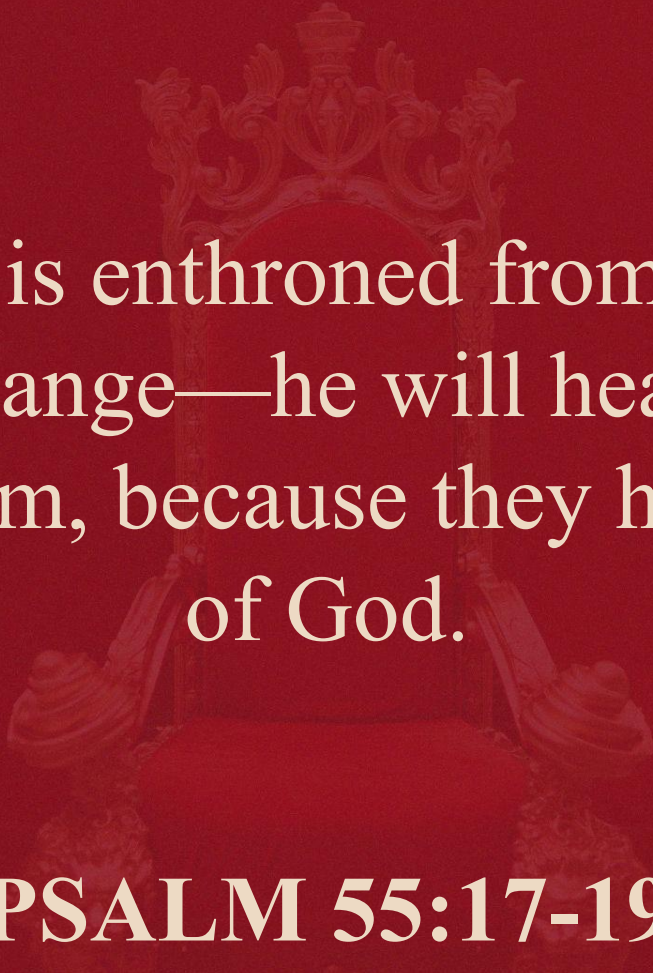
³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors
did, with a clear conscience, as **night and day**
I constantly remember you in my prayers.

2 TIMOTHY 1:3



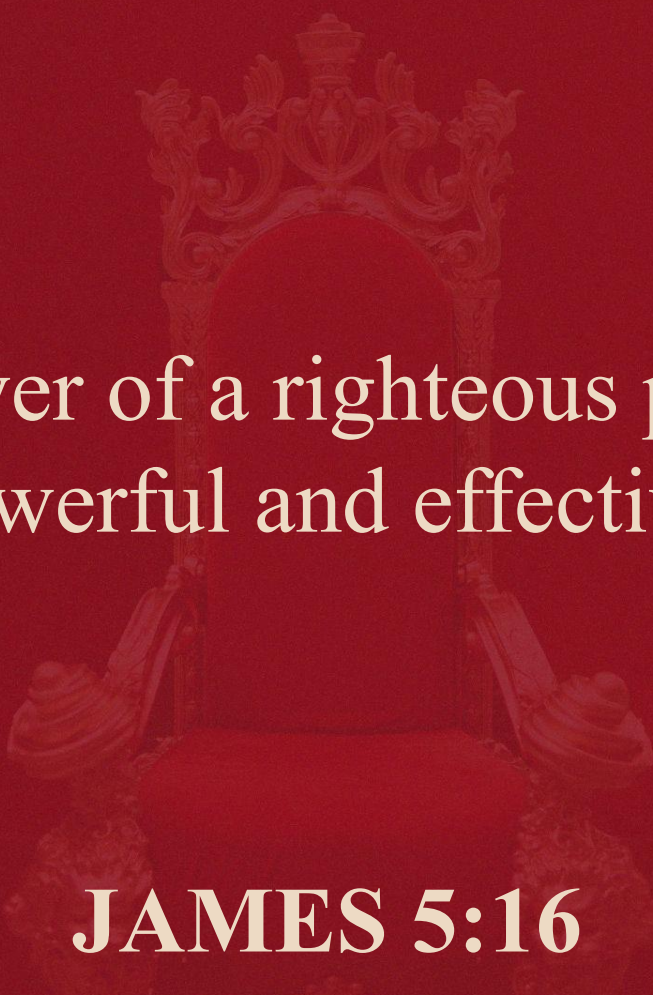
¹⁷ **Evening, morning and noon** I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice. ¹⁸ He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me.

PSALM 55:17-19



¹⁹ God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change—he will hear them and humble them, because they have no fear of God.

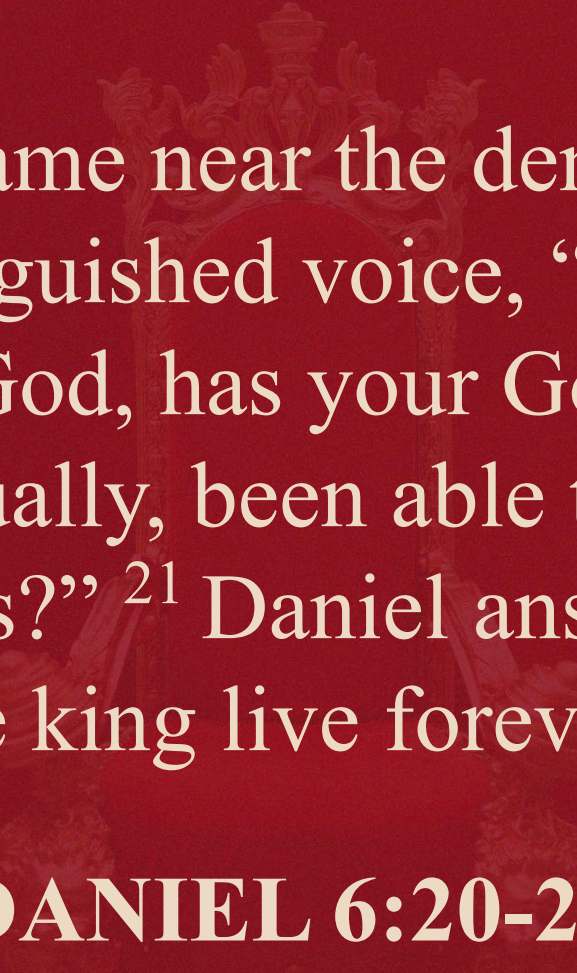
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The prayer of a righteous person is
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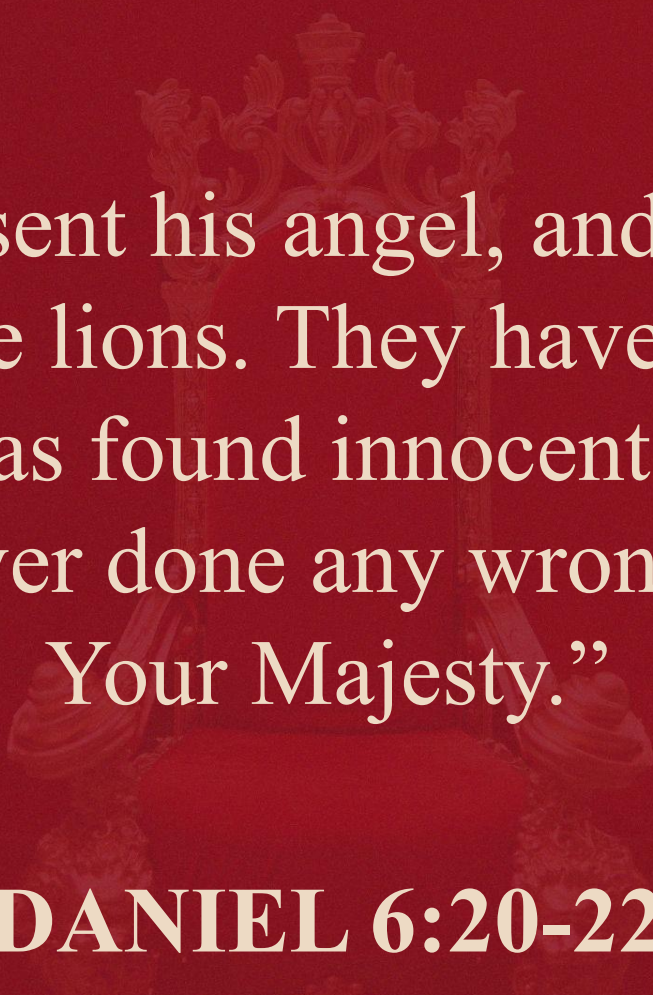
JAMES 5:16

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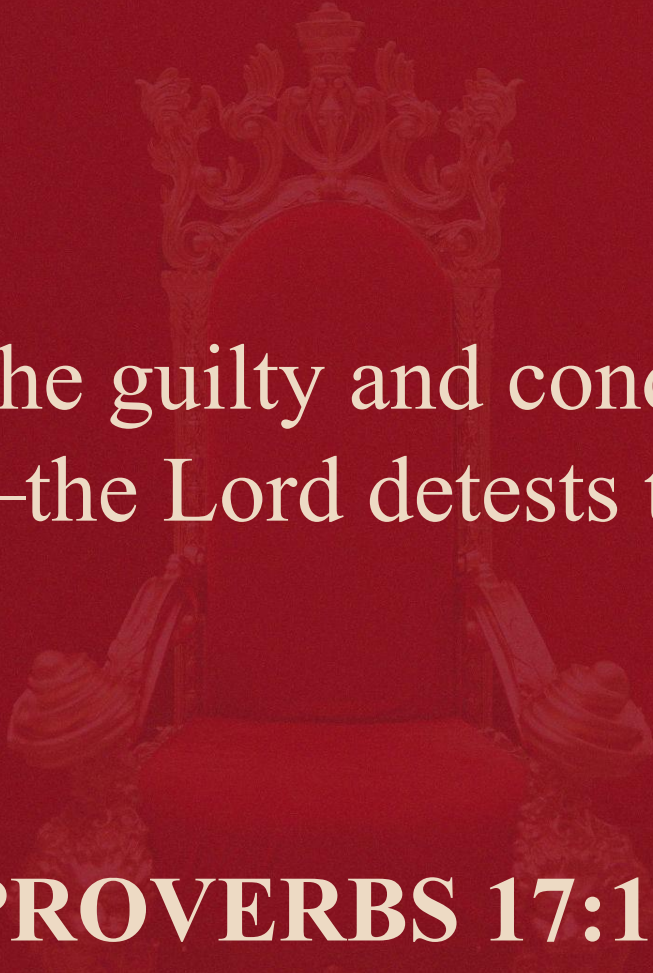
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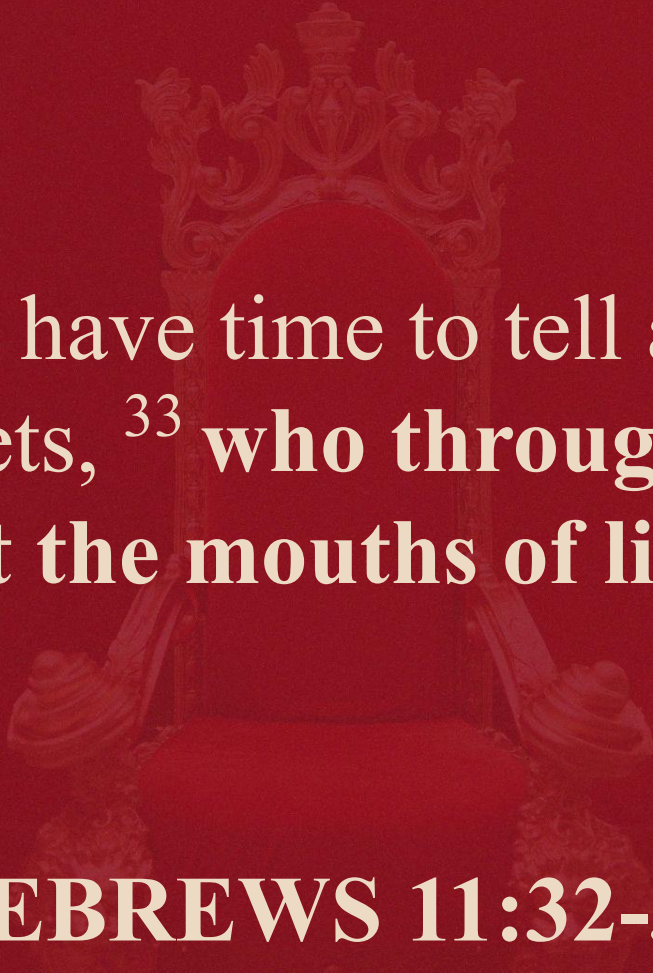
DANIEL 6:20-22



Acquitting the guilty and condemning the
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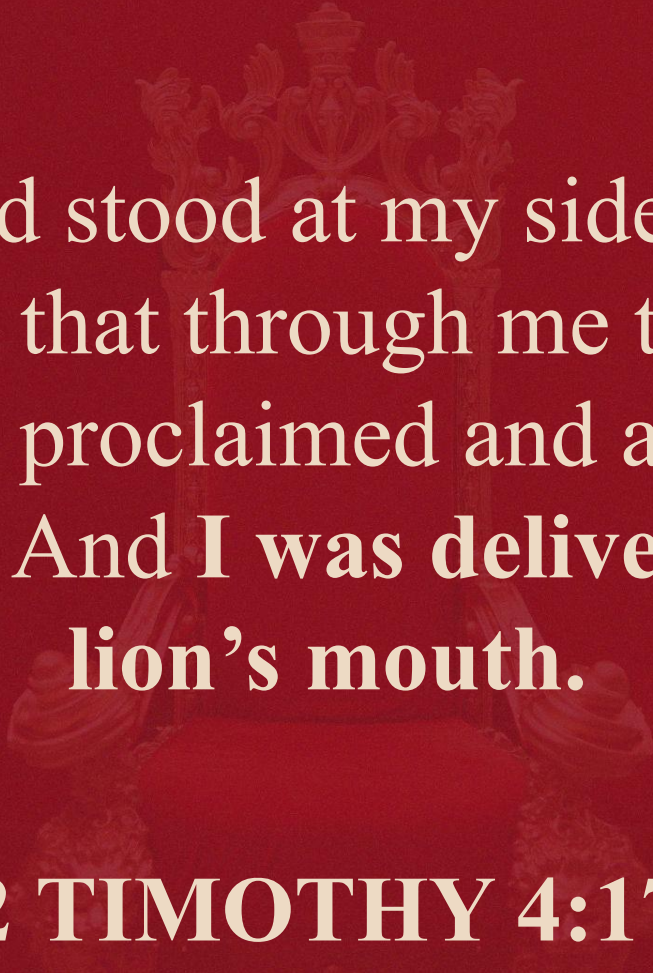
PROVERBS 17:15

**We need to remember that
God has the final word!**



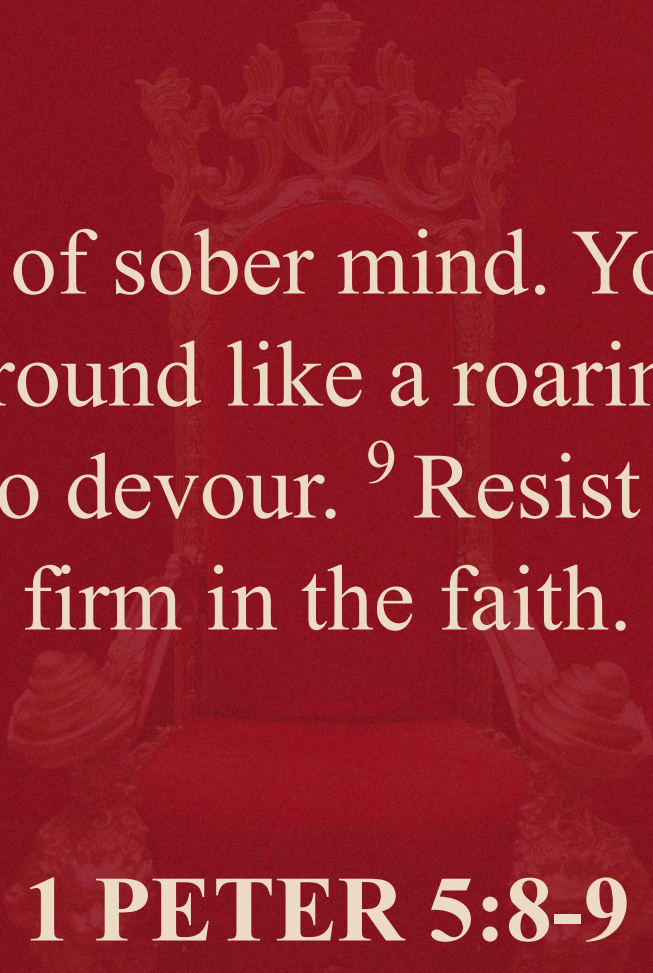
I do not have time to tell about...
the prophets, ³³ **who through faith....**
shut the mouths of lions.

HEBREWS 11:32-33



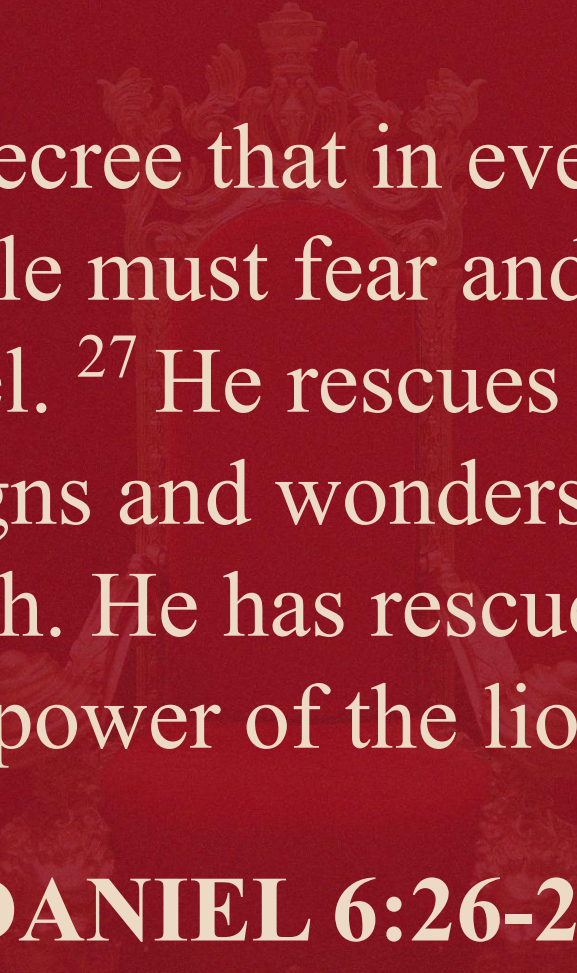
¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth.

2 TIMOTHY 4:17



⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith.

1 PETER 5:8-9

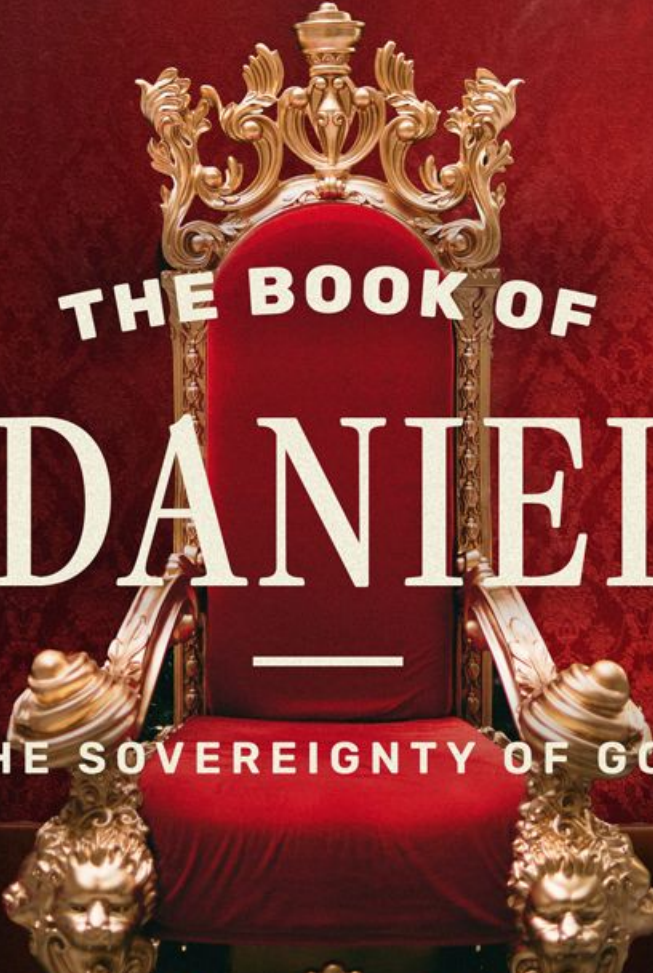


²⁶ “I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel. ²⁷ He rescues and he saves; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”

DANIEL 6:26-27

SERMON REVIEW:

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- 2) PRAYERFUL IN EVERYTHING
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