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How safe those must ever be who are thus protected! Now, the Lesson tells of a man who was kept in safety, when it seemed as if he must surely be destroyed. Bring out the facts of the Lesson story by the use of some such outline as the following:

I. DANIEL ACCUSED, vs. 10-15. What position did Daniel hold in the service of King Nebuchadnezzar? How did the other officers of the king feel towards him? What decree did they persuade the king to enact? What was to be the penalty of disobedience? How did Daniel act when he heard of this decree? Describe the place where Daniel prayed. Show that he was not guilty of ostentation in thus acting. By whom was Daniel seen praying to his God? To whom did they go after their discovery? Of what did they remind the king? What did the king say of his laws? What did the officers then tell him? What did the king earnestly strive to do? For how long? Why was he unable to accomplish his desire?

II. DANIEL SENTENCED, vs. 16-18. What command did the king give? At what time of day? What was the den of lions like? Who did the king tell Daniel would deliver him? How was the entrance to the cave

closed? What seals were placed upon it? Describe the use of the seals. Why were those of "the lords" placed on the stone? How did the king pass the night? Wherefore was he so full of grief? For what customary means of entertainment had he no desire?

III. DANIEL DELIVERED, vs. 19-23. At what time did the king rise? Whither did he go? Why did he go in so great haste? In what sort of voice did he speak? What title did he use of Daniel? What is the difference between the true God and false gods? What question did the king ask of Daniel? How did Daniel express his loyalty to the king? Whom did he say God had sent to him? What had the angel done? What was the result of this? Why had God thus kept Daniel safe? What was the king's feeling at Daniel's answer? What is said of Daniel when he was taken out of the lions' den?

Return to the Golden Text. Whom does the angel of the Lord keep in safety? How had Daniel showed that he feared God? Does God ever change? Impress the lesson, that, since God is ever the same, He will still and always protect those who fear Him.

### THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

The exact place of Daniel's fearful ordeal is unknown to-day, but there is abundant testimony to the fact that lions were common in the Babylonian land. Princes and noblemen used to hunt lions for sport; captive lions were kept for popular shows. The sculptors of the upper Tigris valley, in old Assyria, took special delight in carving representations of the splendid and terrible animals; many such works are now in art museums. One such piece of sculpture, particularly interesting in connection with the story of Daniel, is a panel of stone now in the British Museum.

It represents a ruler of Assyria in a two-wheeled chariot drawn by three horses abreast, shooting an arrow from his bow. A charioteer standing beside the hunter is driving the horses. Almost under the hoofs of the galloping steeds, a lion, pierced through and through by other arrows, rolls on the ground and claws the air in his rage.

To see for yourself this illustration carved for us more than twenty-seven centuries ago, use a stereograph entitled, A Lion of Old Mesopotamia and Royal Huntsman in Chariot, About B.C. 870. See also HOME STUDY and INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLIES and LEAFLETS.

### ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

#### Lesson Points

It is our duty to disobey any human law

which contravenes a divine command. v. 10.

So long as one is doing right, it matters little what others think of him. v. 11.

A wrong decision can never be changed too quickly or too completely. v. 12.