

brought the news to King Darius that Daniel was praying three times a day to the God of Israel, instead of to him, and must therefore be thrown into the lions' den.

When the king heard this he was very unhappy, for he loved Daniel and had not dreamed that in making the bad law he would put his friend in danger. But the laws of that country could not be changed; so Daniel was brought one evening to a great den of angry, hungry lions and thrown into it, while the king stood sadly by watching. "Perhaps", he said eagerly to Daniel, "thy God whom thou servest will deliver thee." Then a great stone was rolled against the door, and the king went sorrowfully back to his palace.

He could not eat nor sleep all that night, and early in the morning he got up and hurried to the den of lions. "O Daniel", he cried, "has thy God whom thou servest been able to deliver thee from the lions?"

And immediately Daniel's voice came from the deep, dark den, "O king, live for ever! My God hath sent His angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." The king was filled with gladness at this, and quickly ordered his servants to take Daniel out of the den; and there was found not even a scratch upon him, because he had trusted in his God.

Then the king ordered his officers to bring all the cruel princes who had tried to kill Daniel, and throw them into the lions' den; and the wild beasts tore them to pieces before they even reached the bottom of the den. And Darius made a new law, that all in his kingdom should honor the God of Daniel who had delivered him from the lions.

"For", said the king, "He is the living God, and steadfast forever, and His kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and He worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth." And Daniel was restored to his place and continued to prosper for many, many years.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who became king in Babylon after Nebuchadnezzar? 2. By whom was the city captured? 3. What happened to Bel-

shazzar? 4. Who now became king in Babylon? 5. What did Darius do for Daniel? 6. Who were angry? 7. What law did they ask Darius to make? 8. Why? 9. Did Daniel obey this law? 10. Who spied upon him? 11. What did they come and tell the king? 12. How did the king feel? 13. Why could he not save Daniel? 14. What did he say when Daniel was thrown into the den? 15. What did he do next morning? 16. What did Daniel answer? 17. In what condition was he found? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

I've found a Friend; O, such a Friend!
So kind, and true, and tender;
So wise a Counsellor and Guide,
So mighty a Defender!
From Him, who loves me now so well,
What power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death, or earth or hell?
No! I am His forever. Amen.

—Hymn 80, Book of Praise

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing of a man praying at an open window, and think of Daniel, who was brave enough to pray to his God, in full sight



of his enemies, though he knew they would try to have him put to death for it. Cannot we, too, be brave enough to do right, no matter what may happen to us?

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE TRUE TO GOD