

SERMON QUESTIONS



May 17, 2026

Series: The Faith that Roars
Sermon: Lion Food
Daniel 6:1-28

1. Using your imagination, describe the transition between Babylonian rule and Medo-Persian rule that took place between Daniel chapters 5 & 6? What was the difference in governance, if any, between the two empires? Point to the text of Daniel 6 as an example, if any such example exists.
2. According to Daniel 6, what was Daniel's role in the new, Medo-Persian empire? What does Daniel having this role, along with the way Darius speaks and treats Daniel throughout the chapter, say about Daniel's influence and stature? Can you explain how, under this new empire ruler, Daniel, who is in his 80s, came to such influence?
3. What was the motivation of these commissioners and satraps in trapping Daniel? Show in the text where there is evidence for this.
4. How did the commissioners and satraps appeal to Darius? Was it honest? What was the basis of their trap of Daniel? In other words, what did they count on with Daniel to spring their trap?
5. What is the significance of the commissioners and satraps conclusion about Daniel's life, as they initially searched for "dirt" on him? Were they searching for dirt on us, would they have had such a difficult time?
6. Explain why Daniel did not just take a 30-day break, so as not to be found guilty? What does this say about any struggle we might have with enemy's who want to reduce Christianity to a hobby or fairytale?
7. Does the fact that God saved Daniel from the lion's den, or the 3 Hebrews' from the fiery furnace, mean that God will always deliver us from or out of our trials? If so, how do you explain martyrs? If not, how do you explain the 3 Hebrews' and Daniel's deliverance in the book of Daniel?
8. To whom is the message of Daniel most directly pointed and what is the God's message to them?
9. Think about this and then discuss it: is our faith God focused or self focused? What are the implications of both as it pertains to the faithful facing hostility?