Faith Shining in the Lion's Den

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Summary

Daniel 6:11-28

In today's passage, we find the story of Daniel, who experienced God's work through faith even in the worst crisis—the lion's den. What kind of work of faith do we experience in times of crisis? How does our faith shine and ignite in such moments, leading us into God's plan?

First, the Object of Our Faith Becomes Clear

When we move forward with faith through trials like the lion's den, it becomes clear that God is the true object of our faith.

The most important aspect of faith is its object. Who we trust and rely on is crucial. The Bible teaches that the right object of faith is God. When we face trials and challenges beyond our strength, the difference between those with faith and those without becomes evident. Those with faith ultimately seek God.

This does not mean that people, wealth, status, or knowledge are meaningless. Rather, they are not the objects of our faith. They are gifts to be enjoyed with gratitude and used for God's glory, while people are not meant to be believed in but loved.

Understanding this allows us to realize that the only one we should truly trust is God. This truth becomes even clearer in moments of crisis, like the lion's den. In the face of hardship, Daniel recognized that he must trust only his God, that God alone is the true object of his faith.

Second, the Work of Faith Becomes Evident

When we hold onto faith in times of suffering, we clearly experience the work of faith. Faith is not just about knowing God intellectually or feeling Him emotionally; it is the means by which we experience His work in our lives. That is why Hebrews 11, the chapter on faith, describes faith as "substance" and "evidence."

When do we encounter this living God? When do we experience His work more clearly? It is precisely in times of crisis and trials. The same lion's den became a place of God's protection and deliverance for Daniel, while for his accusers, it became a place of judgment and destruction. What made the difference? Faith.

For those who truly believe in God, the lion's den becomes a place where they unmistakably experience His presence, protection, and salvation.

Third, the Evidence of Faith Becomes Visible

When we persevere in faith through suffering like the lion's den, our lives become a testimony of faith. We reveal the living God to others. We display His glory.

In today's passage, King Darius trusted Daniel and knew that he served the Lord God, but he neither sought to know nor believed in Him. However, after witnessing Daniel's deliverance from the lion's den, Darius saw God and proclaimed Him (verses 26-27).

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A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"I love you, Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." (Psalm 18:1-2)

Bīble Readīng

2/3(Mon)	2/4(Tue)	2/5(Wed)	2/6(Thur)	2/7(Fri)	2/8(Sat)	2/9(Sun)
Exod. 14-16	Exod. 17-19	Exod. 20-23	Exod. 24-27	Exod. 28-29	Exod. 30-32	Exod. 33-35

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Quiet Time Passage

2/3(Mon)	2/4(Tue)	2/5(Wed)	2/6(Thur)	2/7(Fri)	2/8(Sat)	2/9(Sun)
John 9:35-41	John 10:1-10	John 10:11-21	John 10:22-31	John 10:32-42	John 11:1-16	John 11:17-35

Sharīng Questī*o*ns

1. Share an experience of God's grace in your life through last week's sermon or your personal devotional time.

2. What new insights or blessings did you receive from today's message?

3. Do you have any challenges or hardships in your life that feel like a lion's den? Share them with one another and pray together so that the work of faith may be fulfilled in those trials.