

## PRAYER

Thank You, dear Father, for Your promise that my body and my soul will live with You forever. Through this promise, give me courage to pray faithfully. Amen.

### Memory

1. "Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God" (Exodus 20:7).
2. "Listen, O LORD, and answer me... Protect me for I am one You love. My God, save Your servant who is trusting You" (Psalm 86:1, 2).

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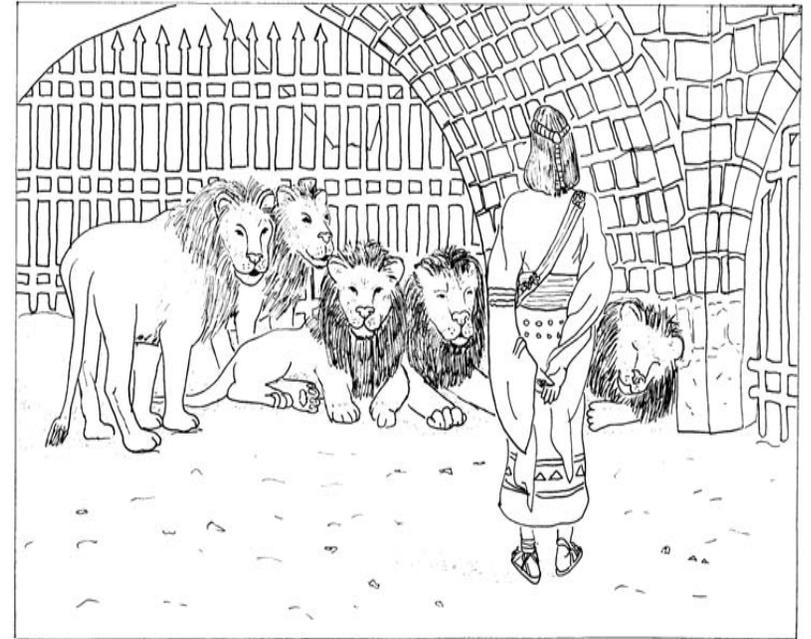
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## Second Commandment

### *Daniel and the Lions*



God says to you in the second commandment,  
“*Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God*”  
(Exodus 20:7).

**THIS MEANS** you must pray to God even  
when it seems uncomfortable, embarrassing, or  
dangerous.

## **Bible Reading: Daniel 6:3-23**

### **Questions and Answers**

#### **For Understanding This Bible Story**

#### **1. How did King Darius feel about Daniel? How did Daniel's fellow workers feel about Daniel?**

Daniel had “an unusually fine spirit.” Daniel was such a good worker for King Darius that the king was thinking about putting Daniel in charge of the entire kingdom. This made Daniel's fellow workers feel jealous. They wanted to get Daniel into trouble so that King Darius would no longer like Daniel. However, “they couldn't find any reason to complain or any fault, because he [Daniel] could be trusted and no neglect or fault could be found in him.”

#### **2. What was most important to Daniel above all else?**

Daniel loved the LORD his God more than anything else. Daniel knew that God wanted Daniel to pray, so Daniel “got down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise Him.”

#### **3. God says to you in His Bible, “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).**

##### **a. In what way does this verse help you understand why Daniel disobeyed the new law King Darius had made?**

Daniel did not want to disobey King Darius. However, the king's new law required Daniel to disobey God. Daniel loved God more than he loved the king. Daniel chose to disobey the king so that he might obey God and serve Him faithfully.

##### **b. When in your life has it been hard or embarrassing for you to pray? Why is it important that you not allow others to prevent you from praying?**

Sometimes Christians feel uncomfortable or embarrassed when they pray, especially when they pray in a public place like a restaurant. Sometimes it feels hard to pray because you think that others might be looking at you or laughing at you. However, if you let your

embarrassed feelings keep you from praying to God, you end up serving men instead of God! It is much better to love God more than men, and to serve God faithfully with our prayers, even when other people might think it is foolish to pray.

#### **4. God says to you in His Bible, “Don't be afraid of those who kill the body and can't kill the soul, but fear Him [God] who can destroy soul and body in hell” (Matthew 10:28).**

##### **a. What punishment did Daniel receive from King Darius, as a result of praying? What did God do to protect and save Daniel? Does God do this for every one of His dear Christians?**

Daniel was thrown into a den full of hungry lions because he disobeyed the king. Daniel risked death by praying to God, but God protected Daniel. He “sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths.”

Not every Christian gets saved from a lion's den, as Daniel was saved. Sometimes Christians must face harsh punishments, or even death, when they are faithful to God with their prayers. Yet even if a Christian should die, the Lord your God promises you eternal life! Because your Lord Jesus Christ died and rose again, you no longer need to fear “those who kill the body” (Matthew 10:28). God promises to raise you from the dead, and you will live safely with Him—soul and body—forever.

##### **b. What good came from Daniel's faithful praying?**

As a result of Daniel's faithful praying to the LORD his God, King Darius heard the preaching of God's Word. The king confessed that Daniel's God is “the God who lives and continues forever.”

##### **c. What comfort does it give you to know that the LORD your God faithfully cares also for you?**

This means that you now have nothing to fear, not even death! No matter what should happen in this life, the LORD your God has promised you a new life forever. Listen to how God describes the new life He will give to you: “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, and there will be no more grief or crying or pain” (Revelation 21:4).