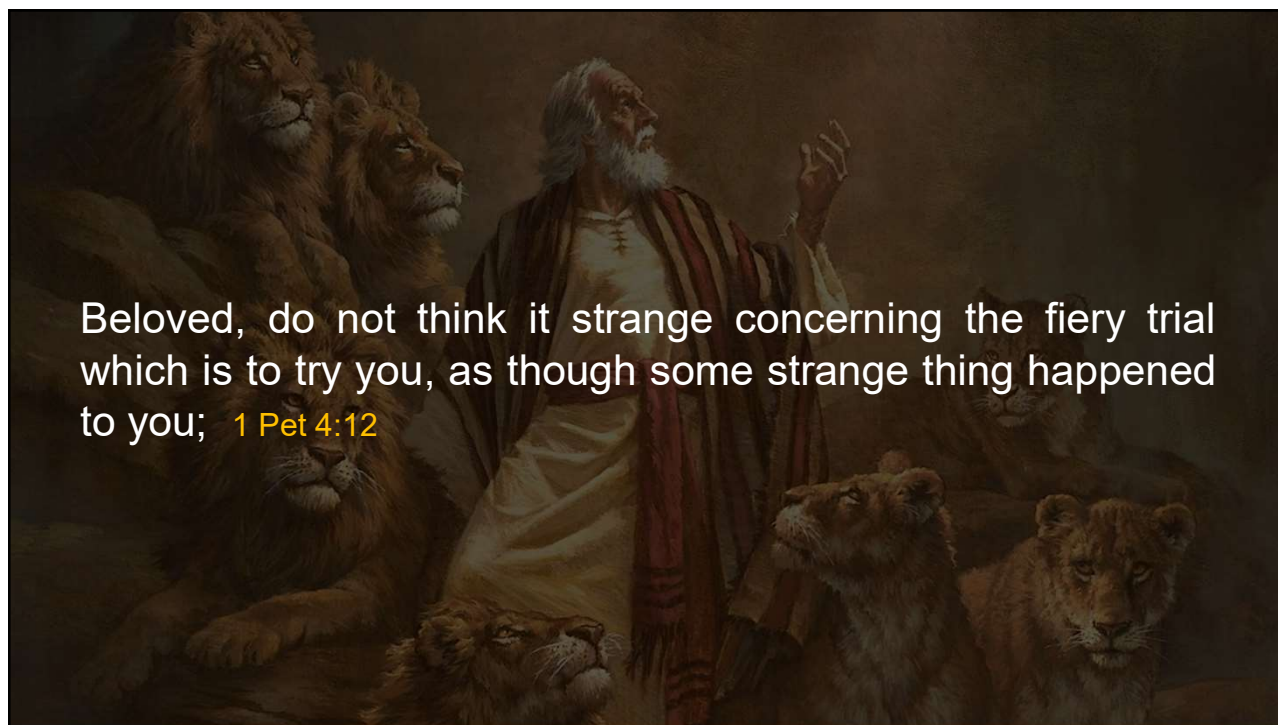


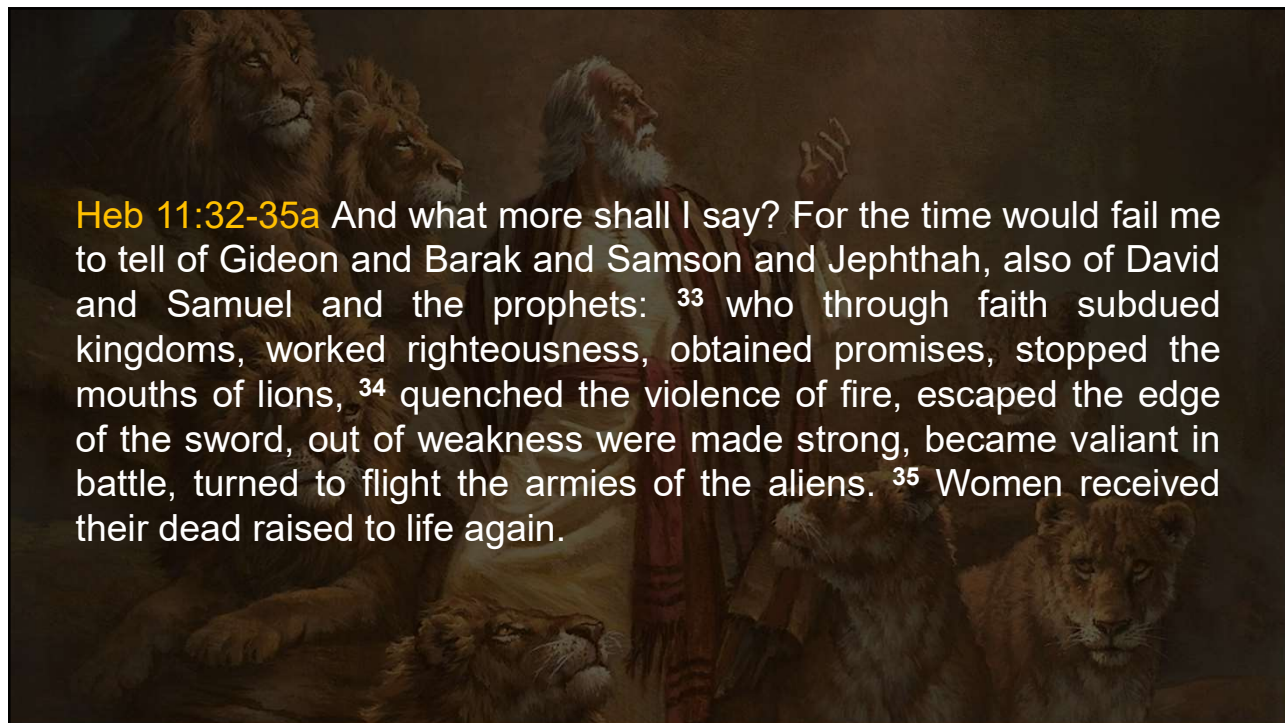
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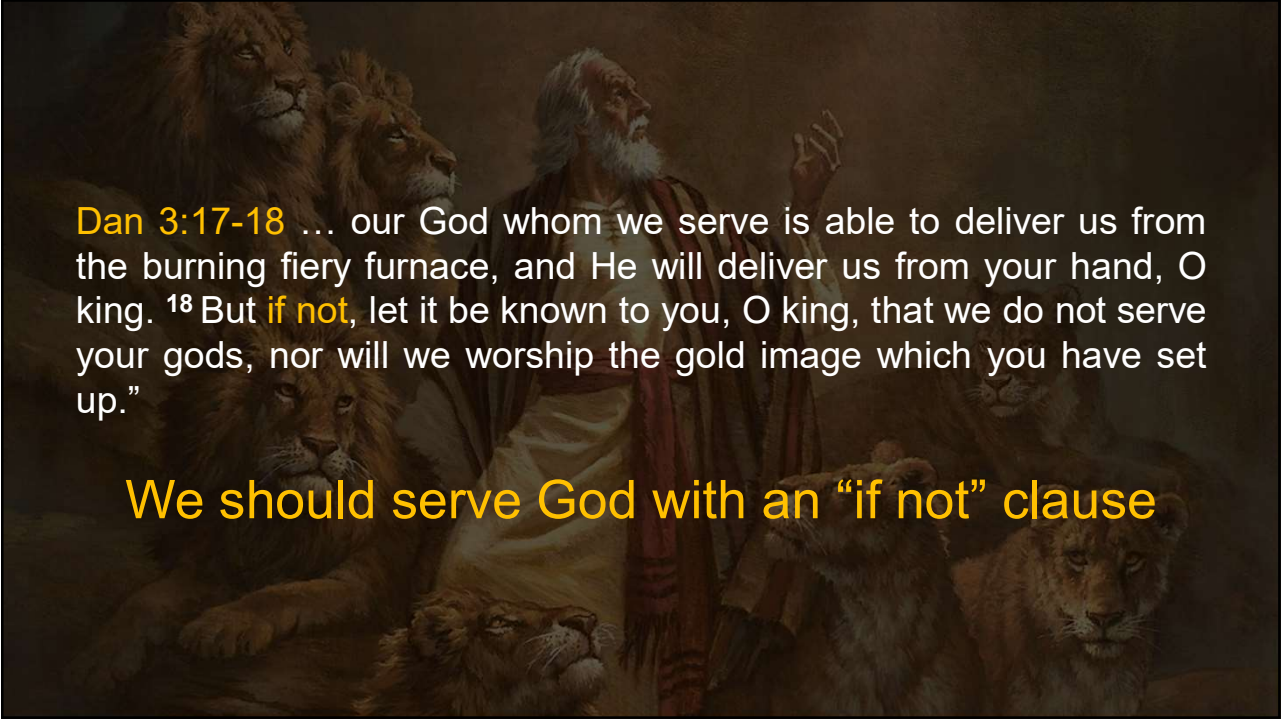
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**11:35b And others ...**

**11:35-39** were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented — <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. <sup>39</sup> And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith

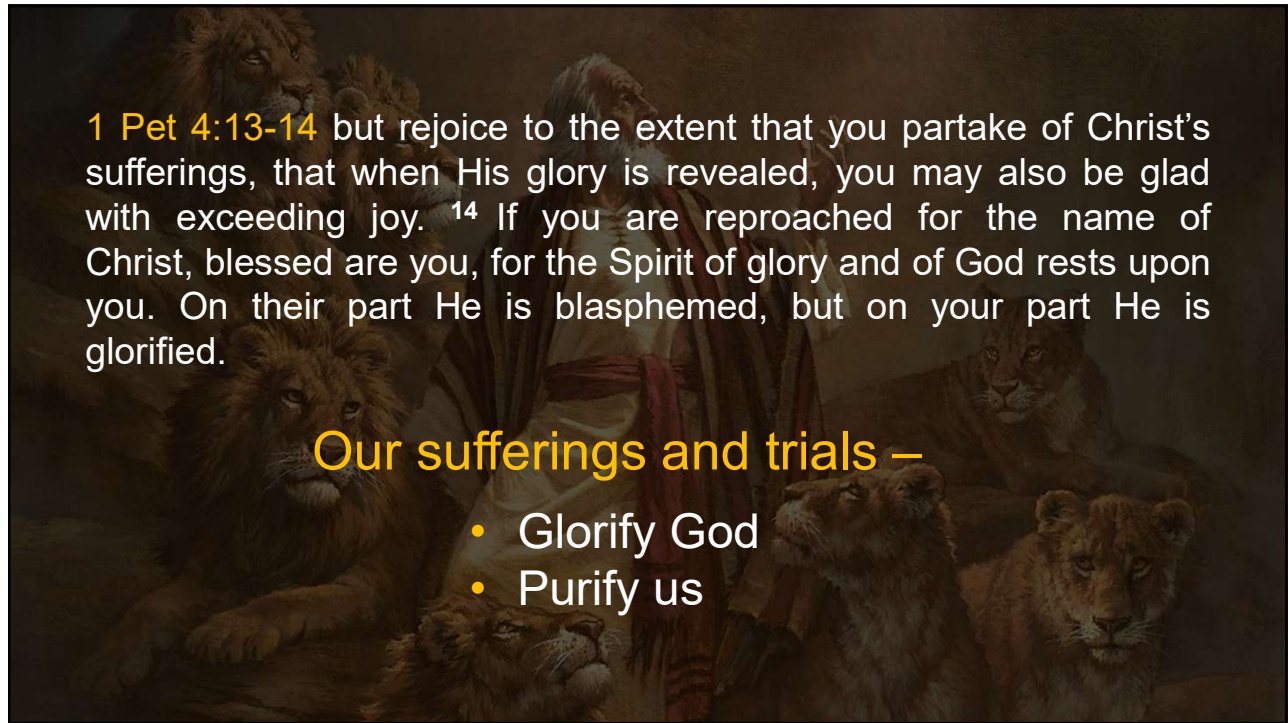
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**Dan 3:17-18** ... our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But **if not**, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

**We should serve God with an “if not” clause**

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**1 Pet 4:13-14** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. <sup>14</sup> If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

### Our sufferings and trials –

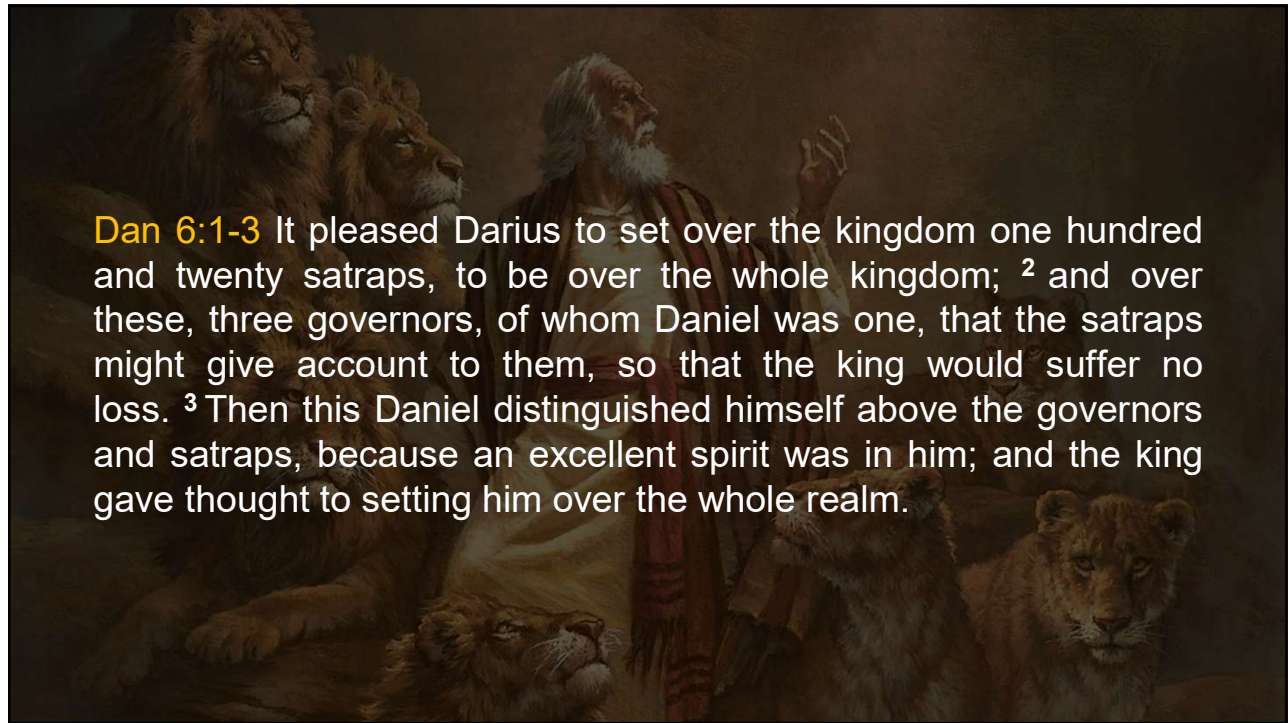
- Glorify God
- Purify us

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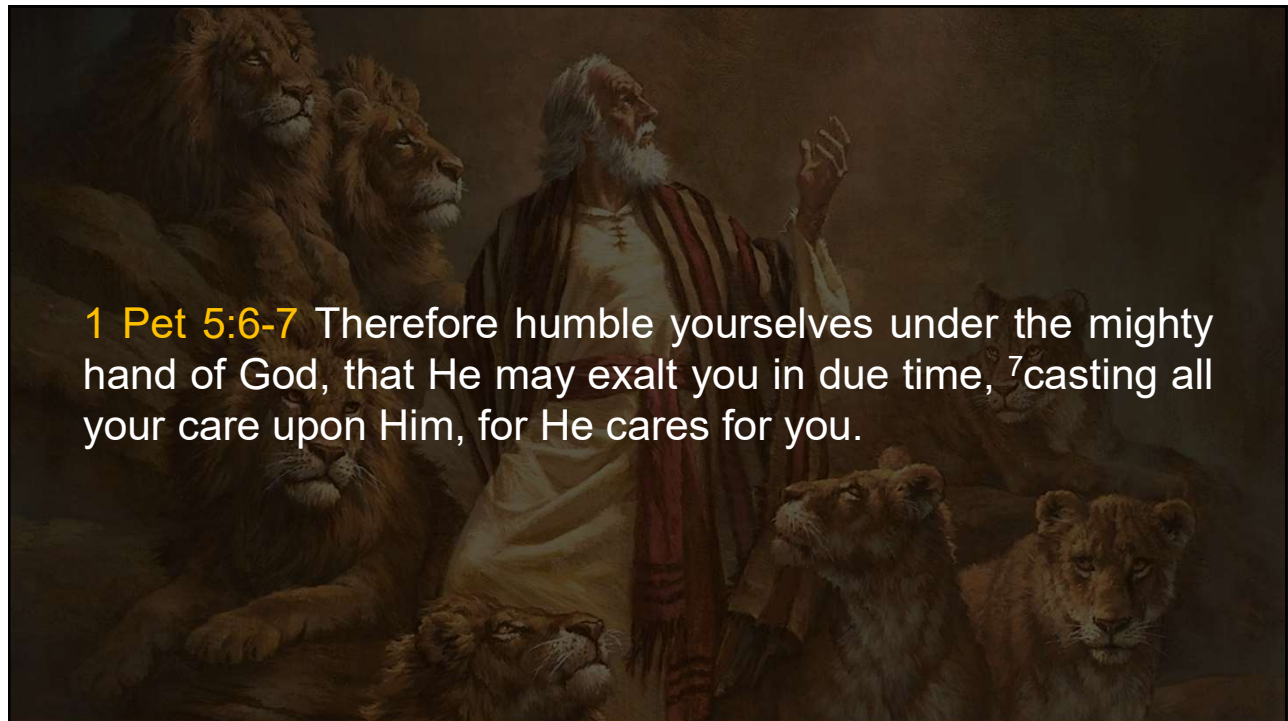
**1. Daniel was one faithful & consistent dude**

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**Dan 6:1-3** It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; <sup>2</sup> and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. <sup>3</sup> Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

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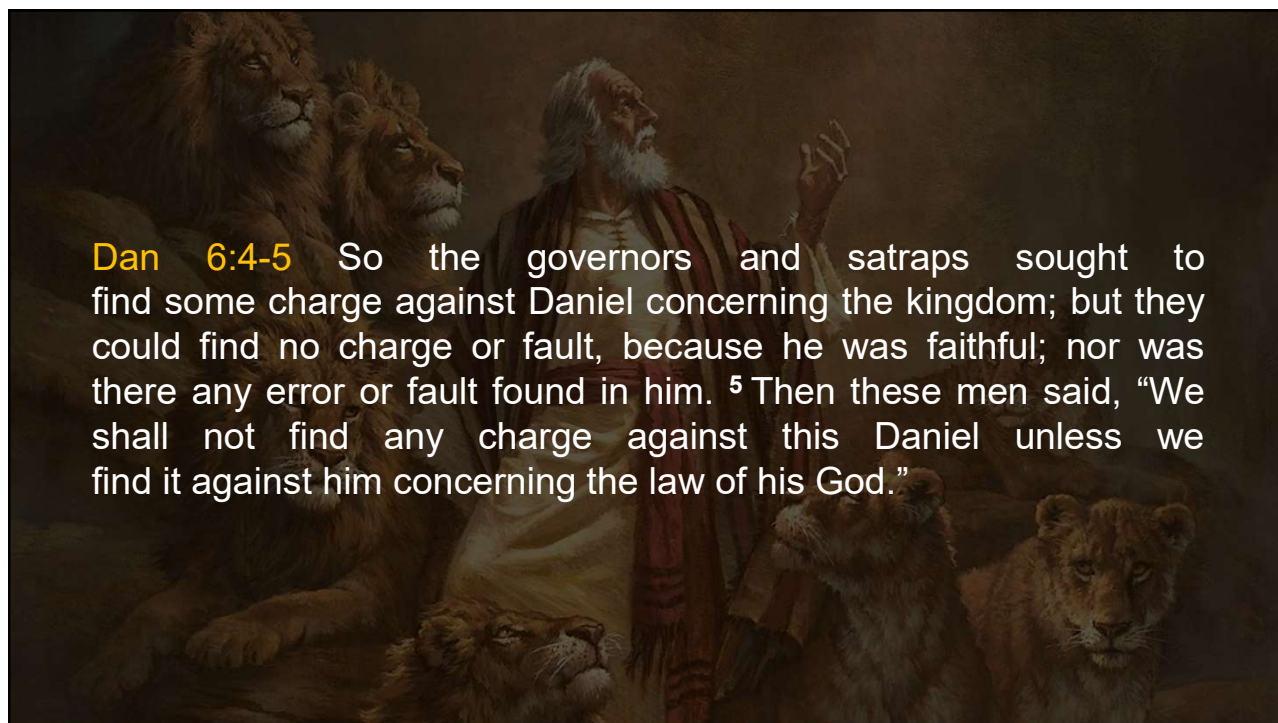


**1 Pet 5:6-7** Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

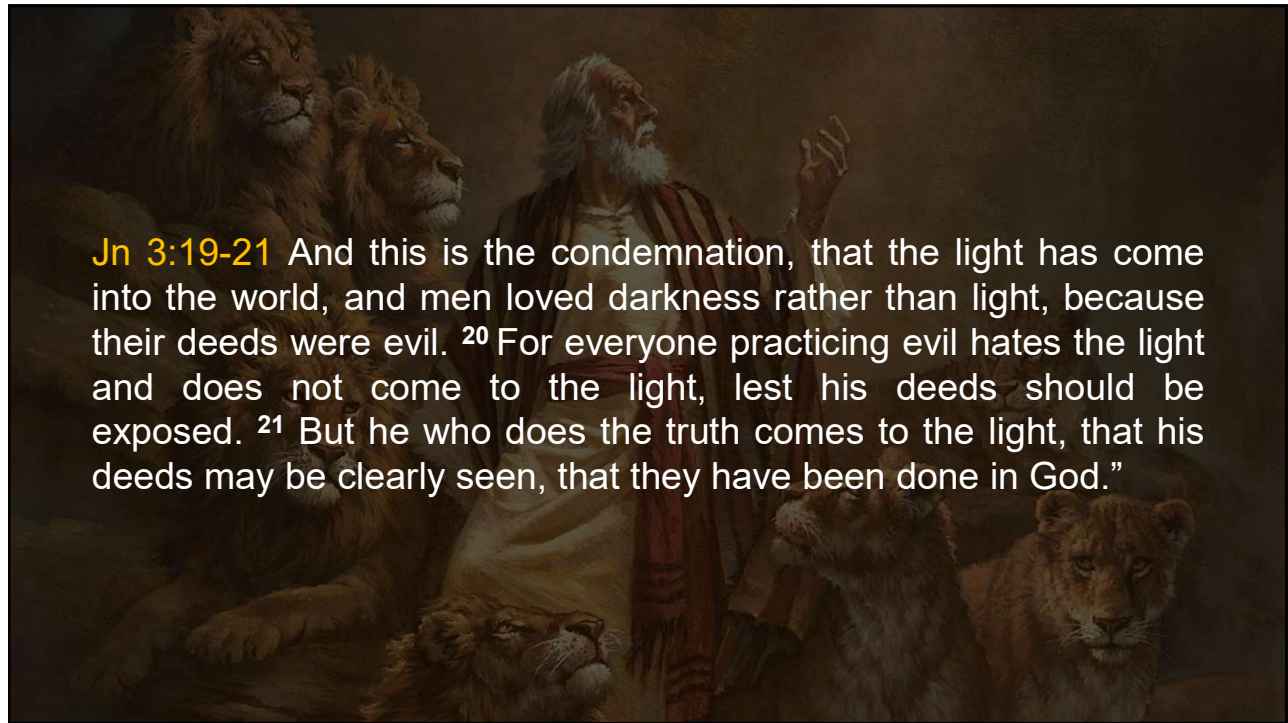
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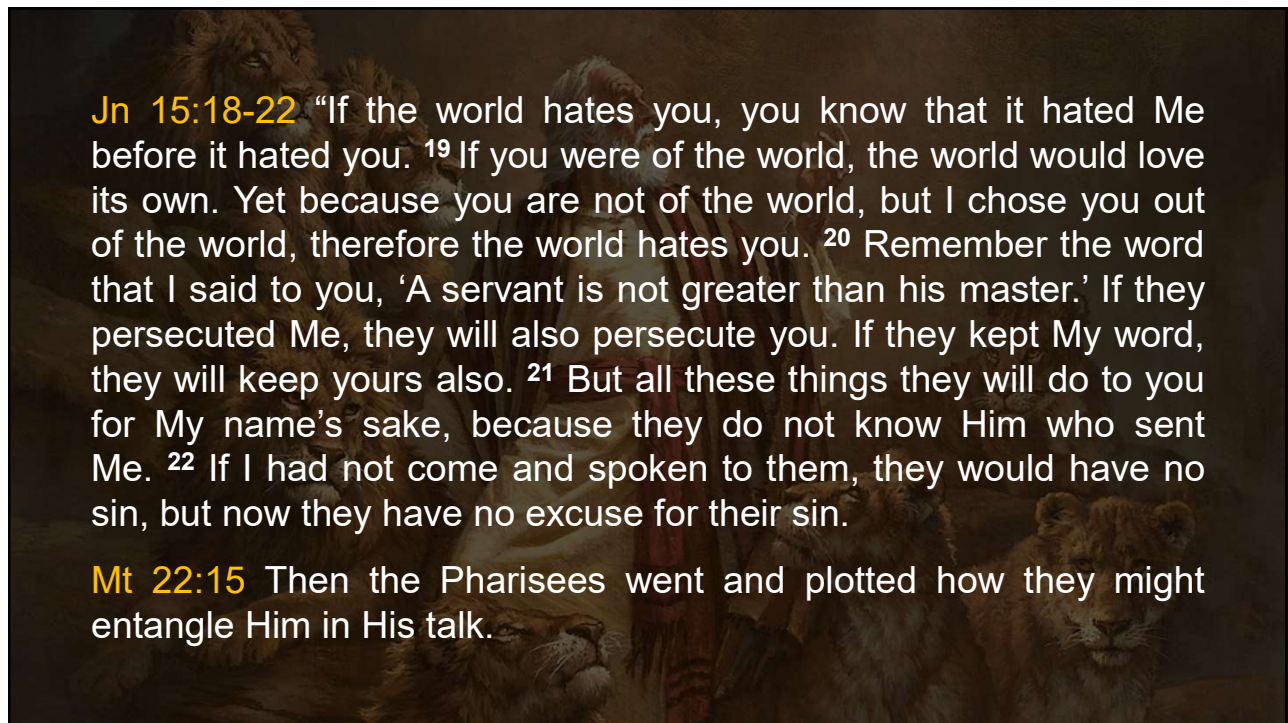


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**Jn 3:19-21** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

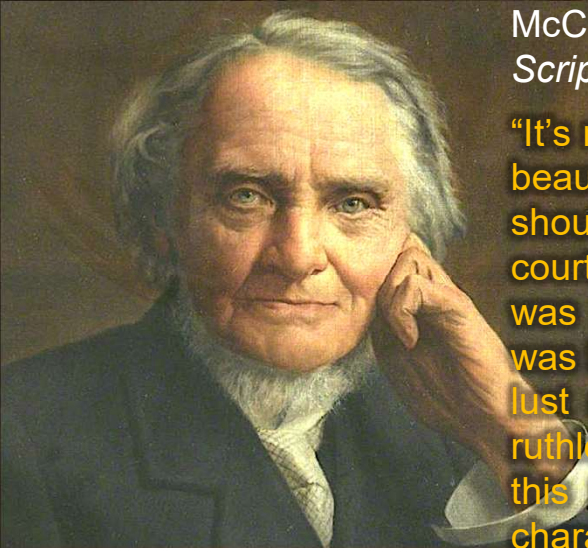
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**Jn 15:18-22** “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup> If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup> But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

**Mt 22:15** Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.

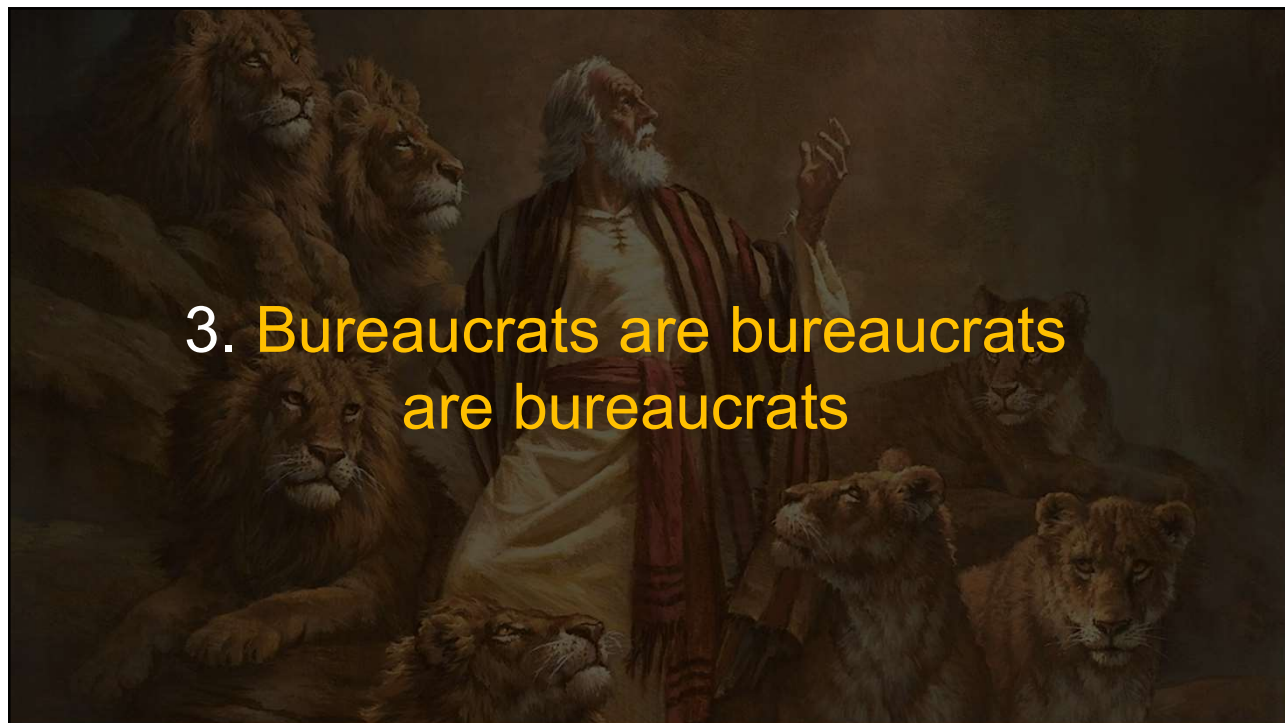
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Scottish Baptist preacher, Alexander McClaren, in *Expositions of Holy Scripture*, 1908:

“It’s remarkable that a character of such beauty and consecration as Daniel’s should be rooted and grow out of the court where Daniel was. For this court was half shambles and half pigsty. It was filled with luxury and sensuality and lust and self-seeking and idolatry and ruthless cruelty. And in the middle of this there grew up that fair flower of character, pure and stainless by the acknowledgement of his enemies.”

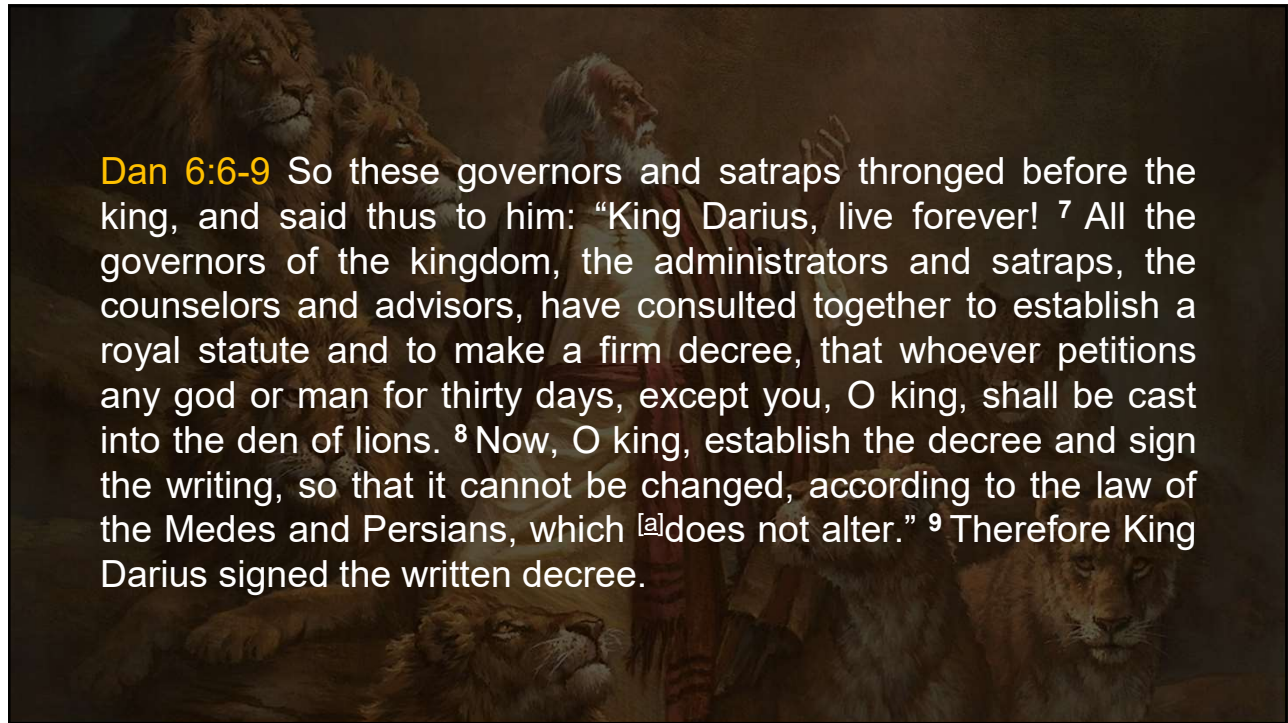
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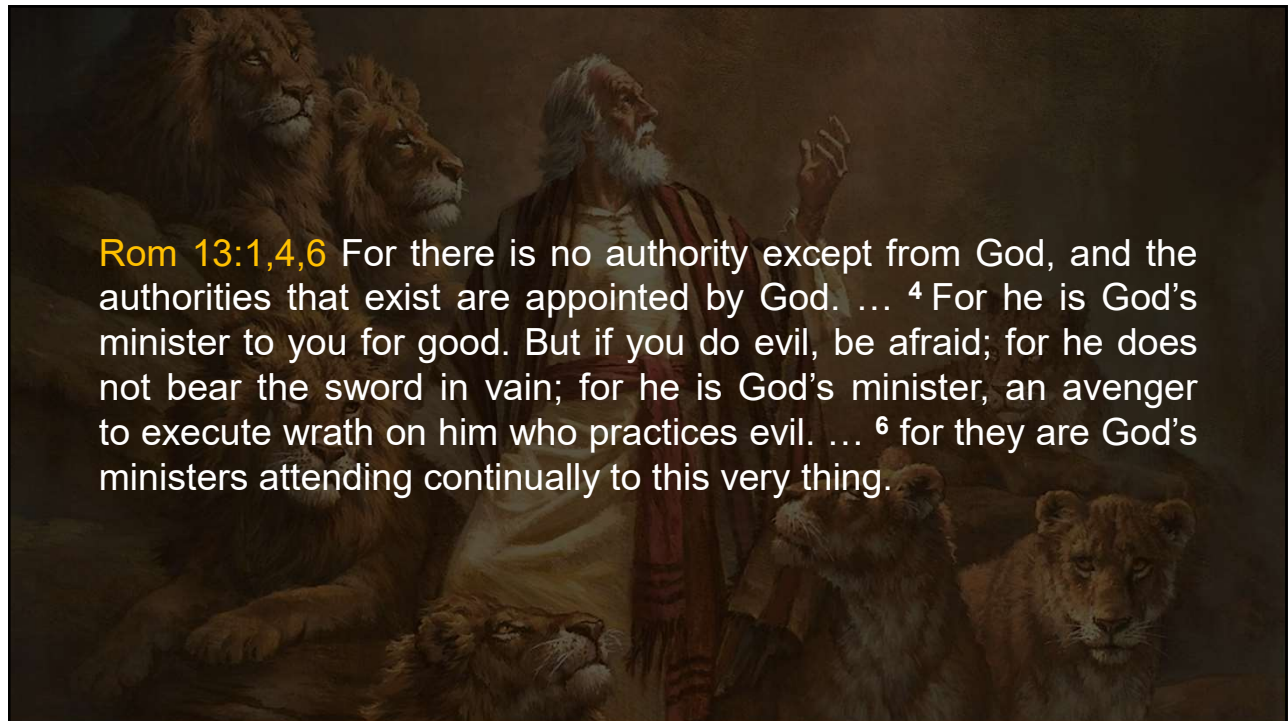
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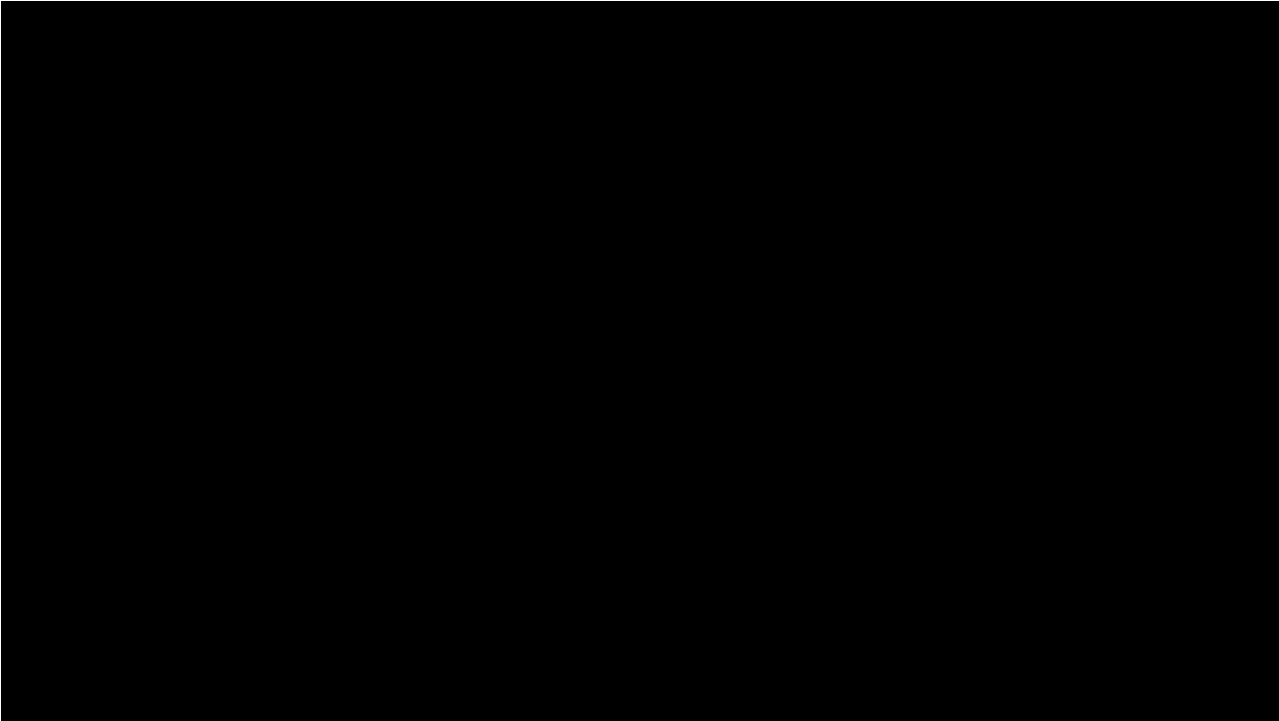
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