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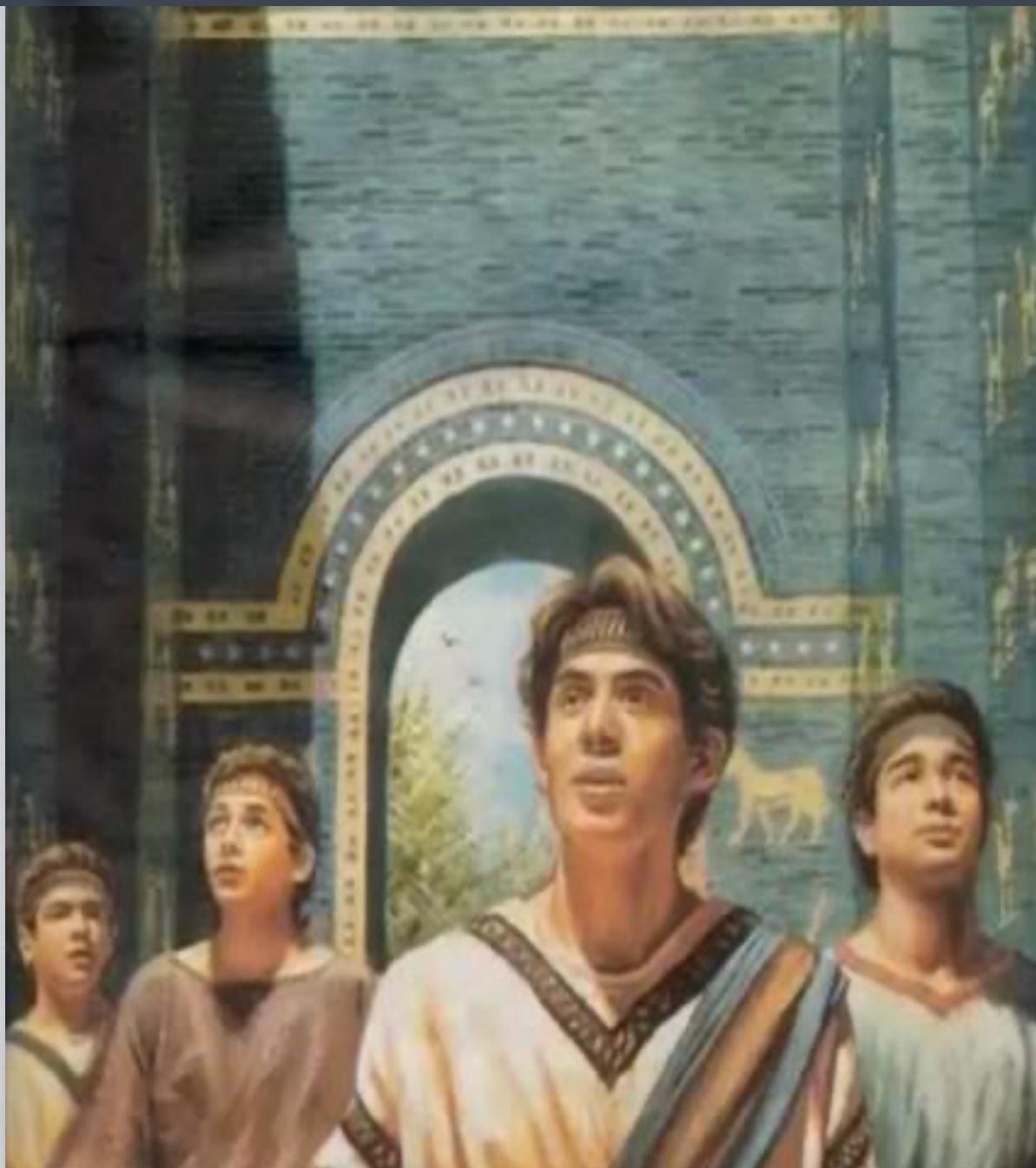
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## DANIEL CHAPTERS 1; 3; 6

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah . . . Four young men pressured to compromise their faith but refused to do so!



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DANIEL 3

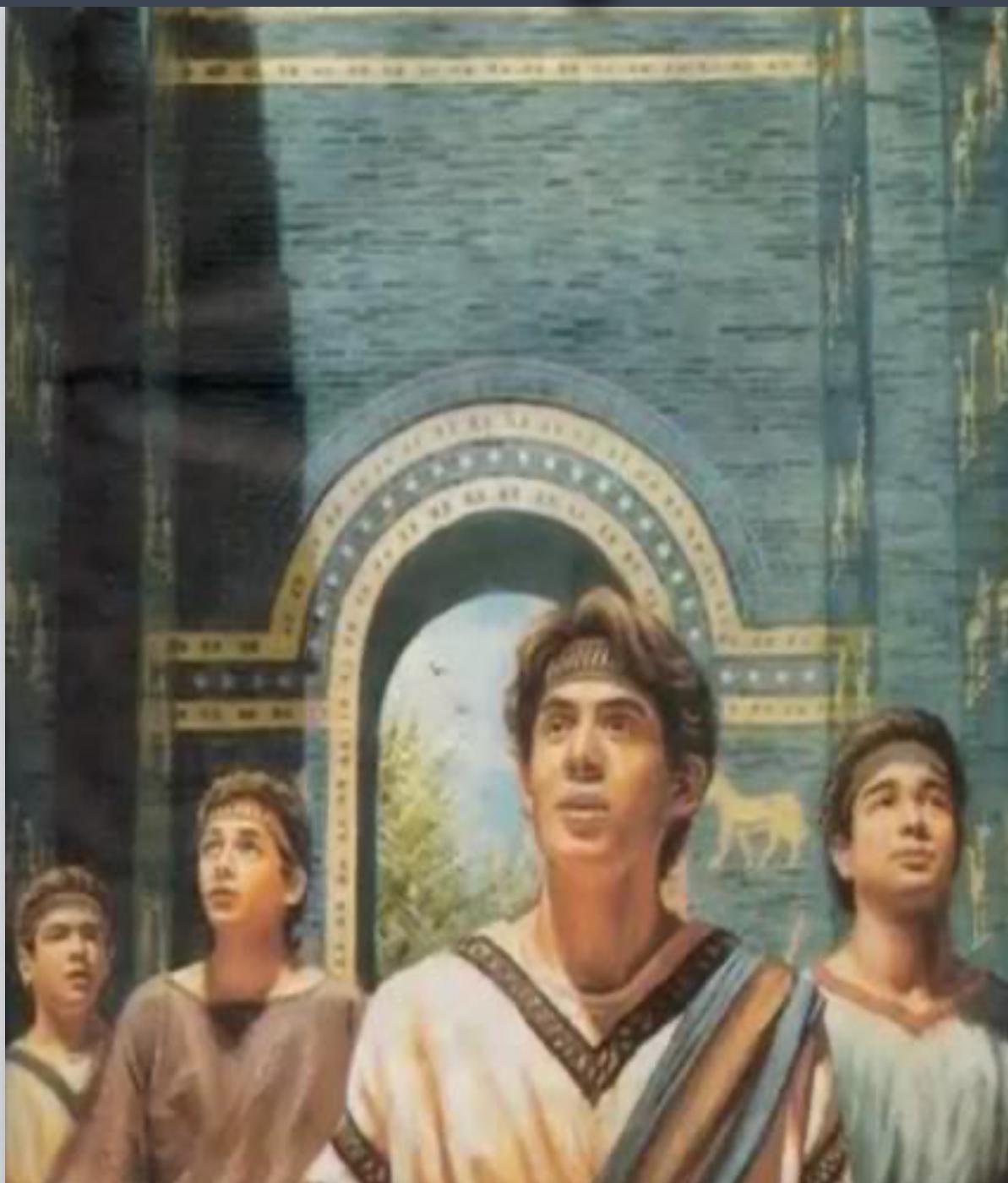


DANIEL 6

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**What gave these young men their strength  
to defy a king, even in the face of death?**



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DANIEL 6

## Daniel 1:6–9 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Now from among those of the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. <sup>7</sup> To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel *the name* Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abed-Nego. <sup>8</sup> But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. <sup>9</sup> Now God had brought Daniel into the favor and goodwill of the chief of the eunuchs.

## Daniel 3:16–18 (NKJV)

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If that *is the case*, 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. 18 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.”

## Daniel 6:10,16 (NKJV)

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. . . .

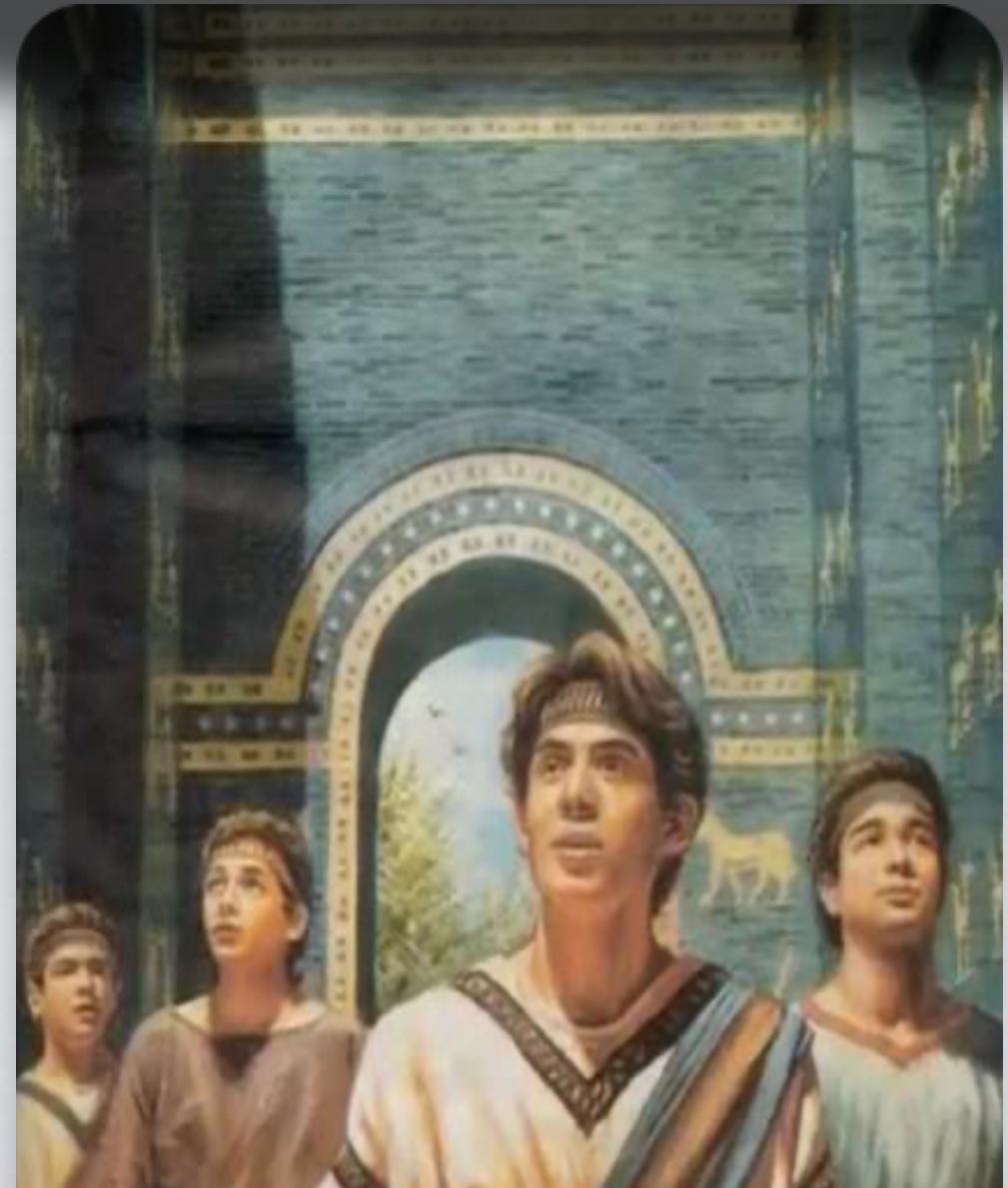
16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast *him* into the den of lions. *But* the king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.”

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## Reverence For God & His Word

They feared God while  
the one over them  
feared the king (1:8-10)



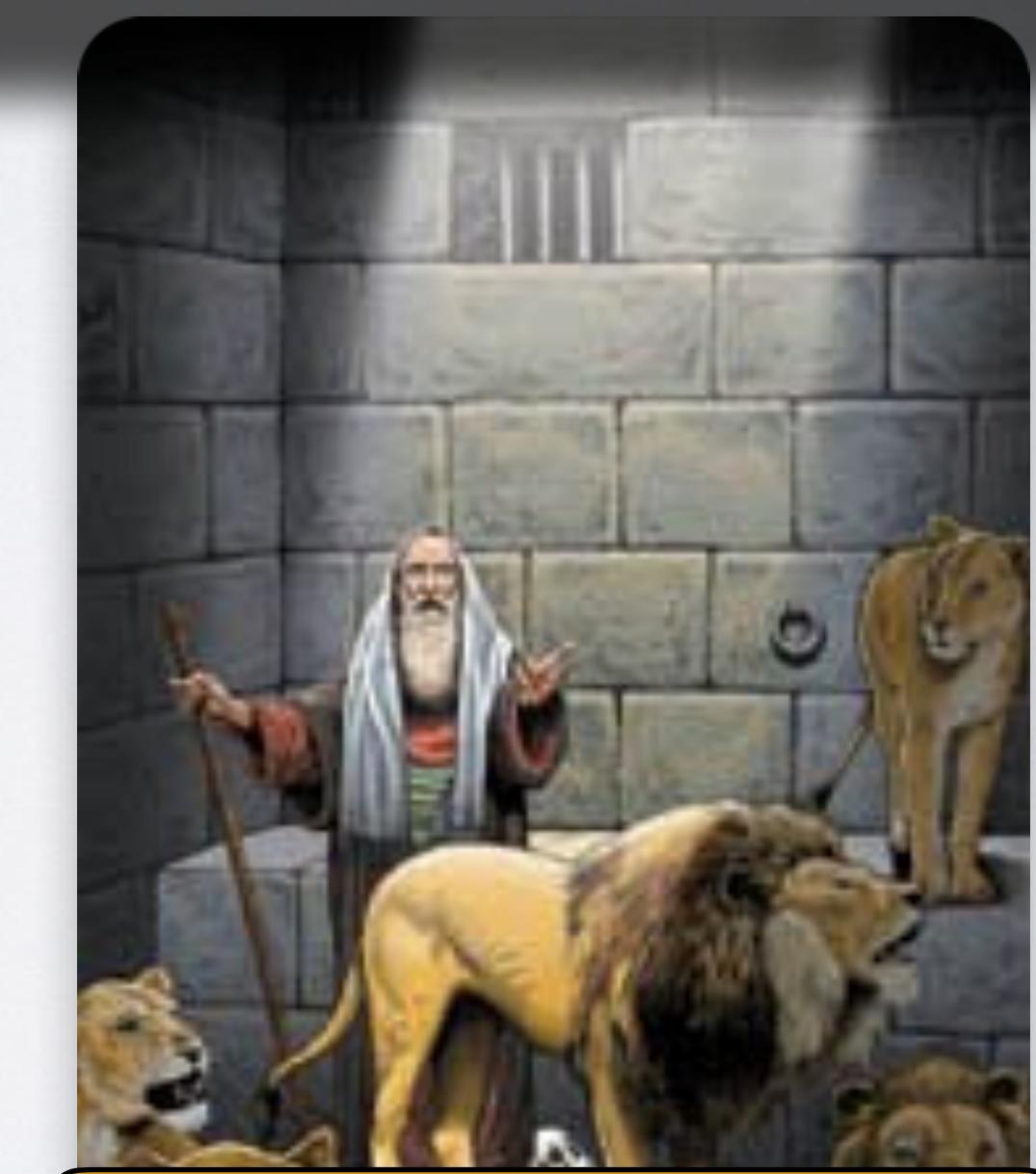
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Refused to bow down to  
the kings image  
(3:16-18)



DANIEL 3

Prayed to God  
regardless of what men  
may do (6:10-11)



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### **Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (NKJV)**

12 "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,  
13 *and* to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?

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**Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)**

7 The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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**Psalms 111:10 (NKJV)**

10 The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

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**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NKJV)**

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14

For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.

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**Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)**

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

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**Acts 4:19–20 (NKJV)**

19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

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**Acts 5:5,11 (NKJV)**

5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. . . . 11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

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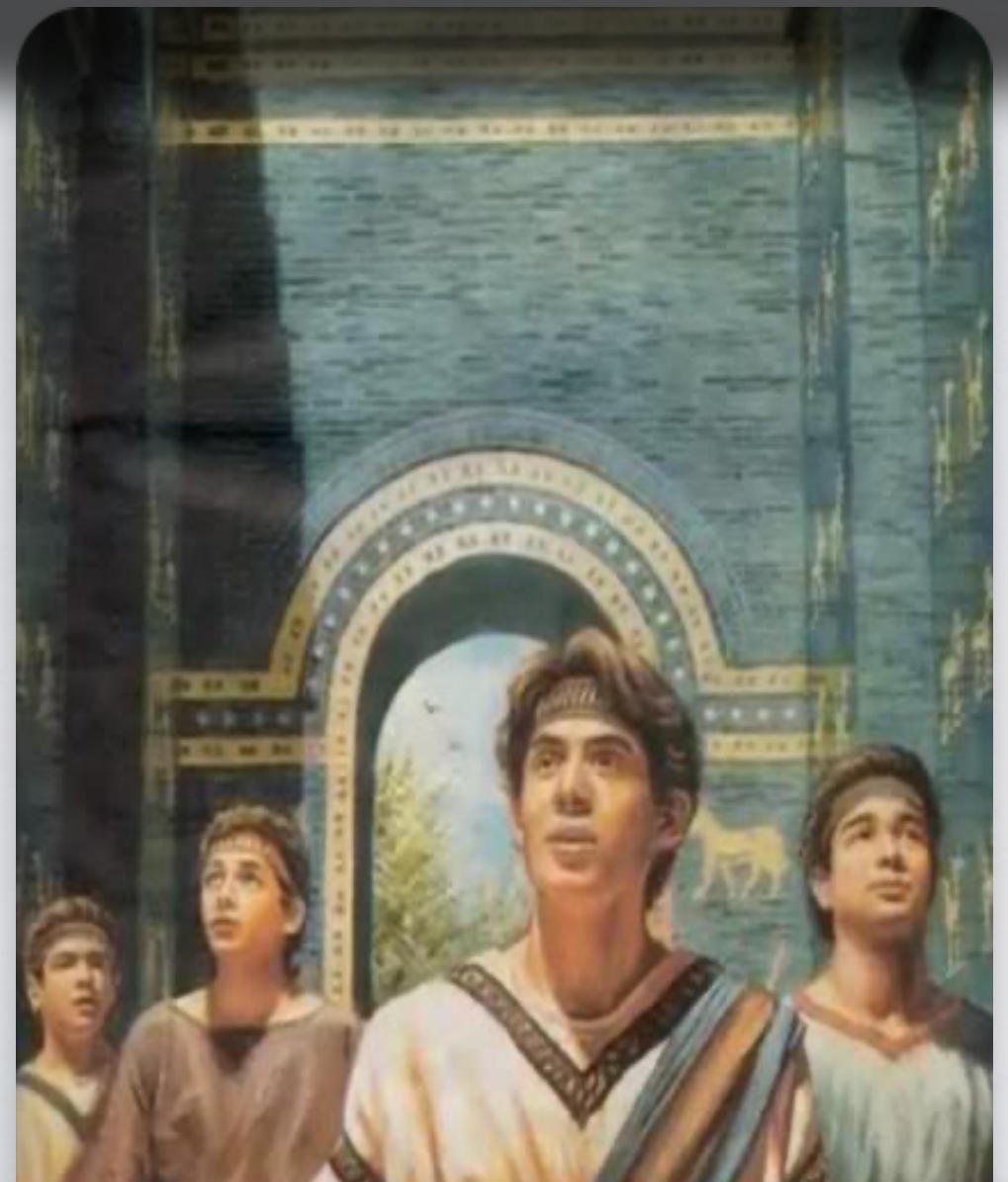
- Standing firm against the pressures to compromise our faith requires a healthy fear of God! (Acts 5:11; Mat 10:28)
- People who compromise with evil demonstrate they lack a healthy fear of the Lord! (Job 28:28; Jer 32:40)

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## Purpose / Resolve To Please God

Daniel purposed in his heart he would not defile himself (1:8)



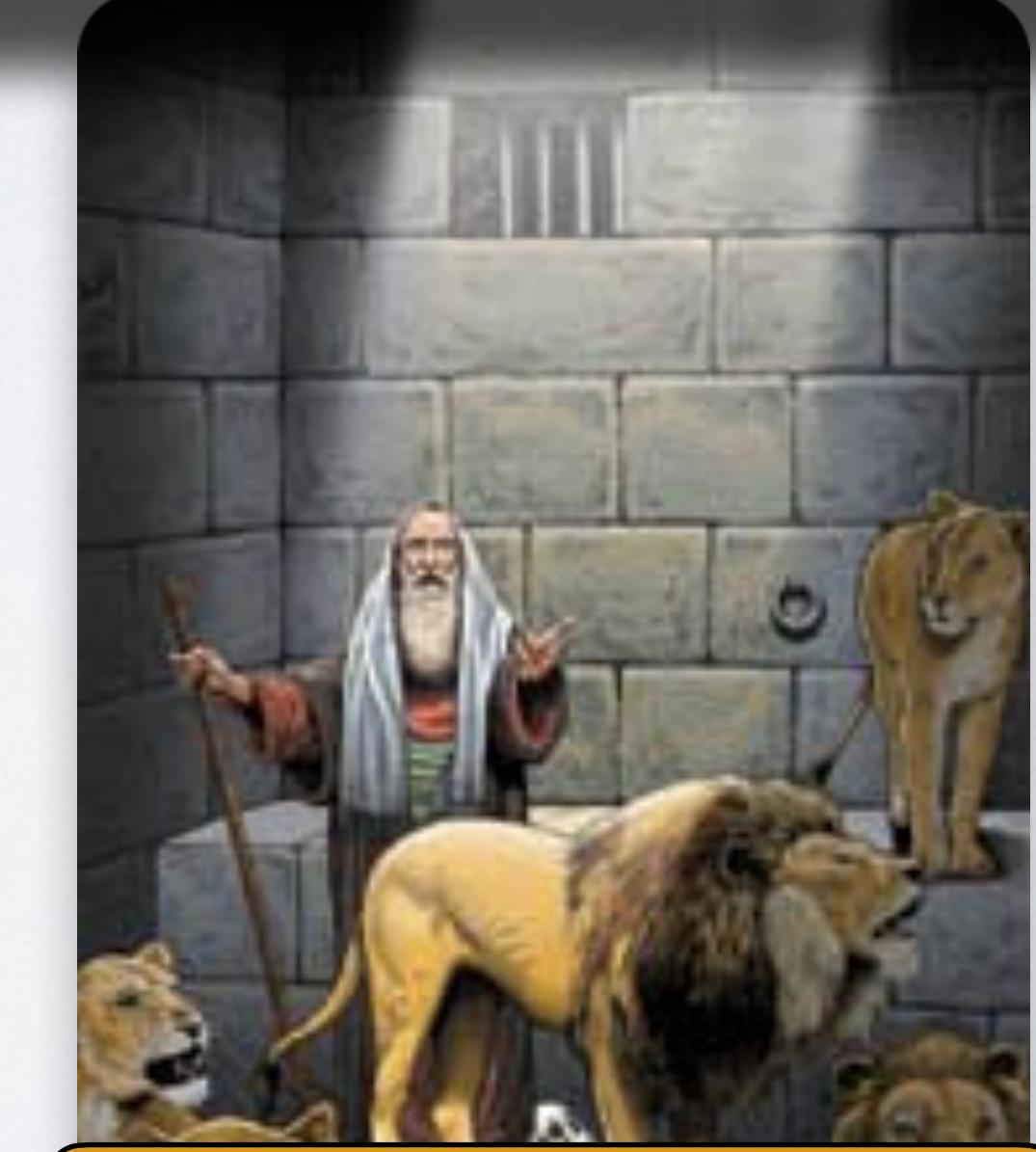
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Will NOT serve your gods, nor worship the image (3:16-18)



DANIEL 3

Daniel prayed knowingly violating the law (6:10-11)

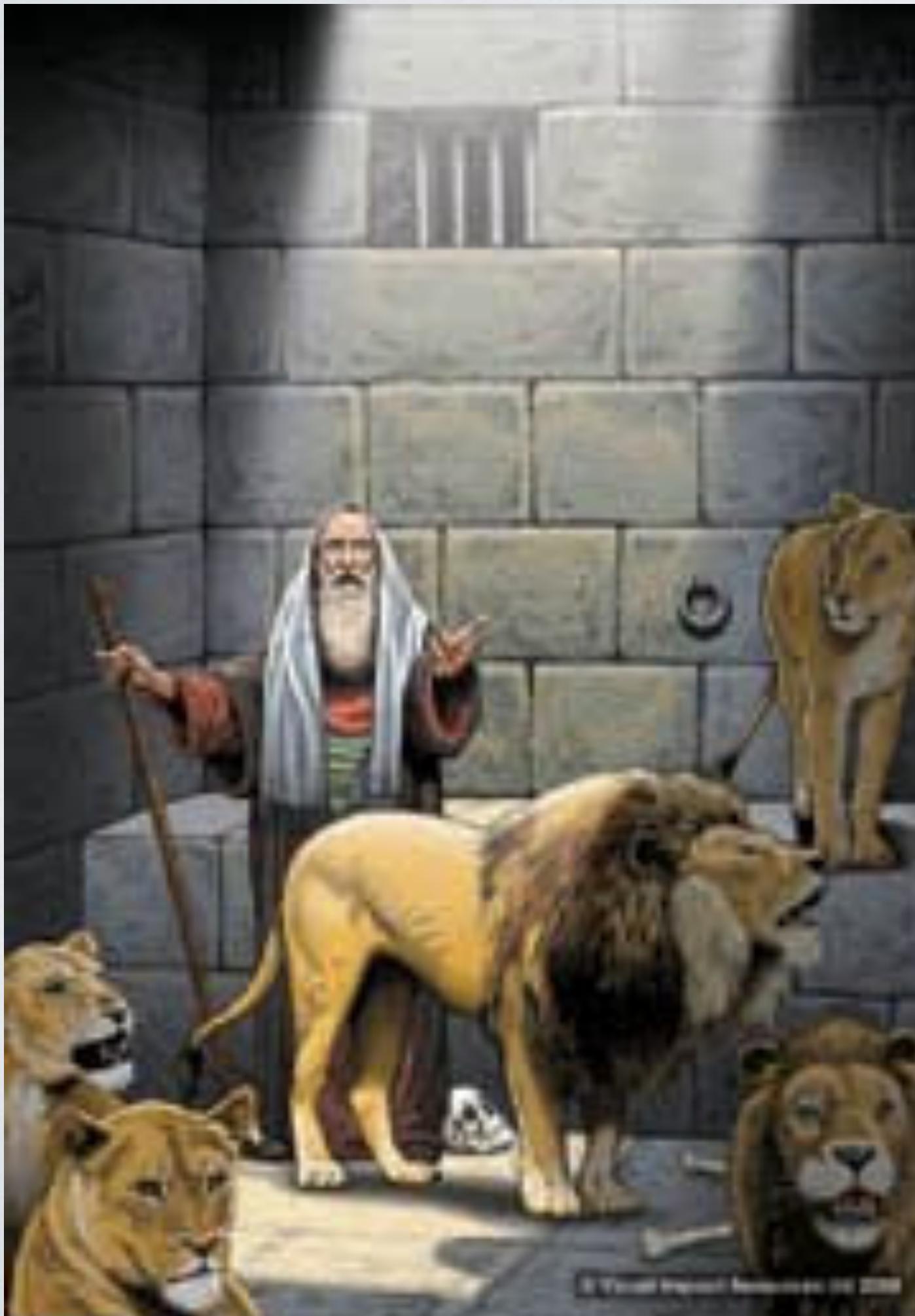


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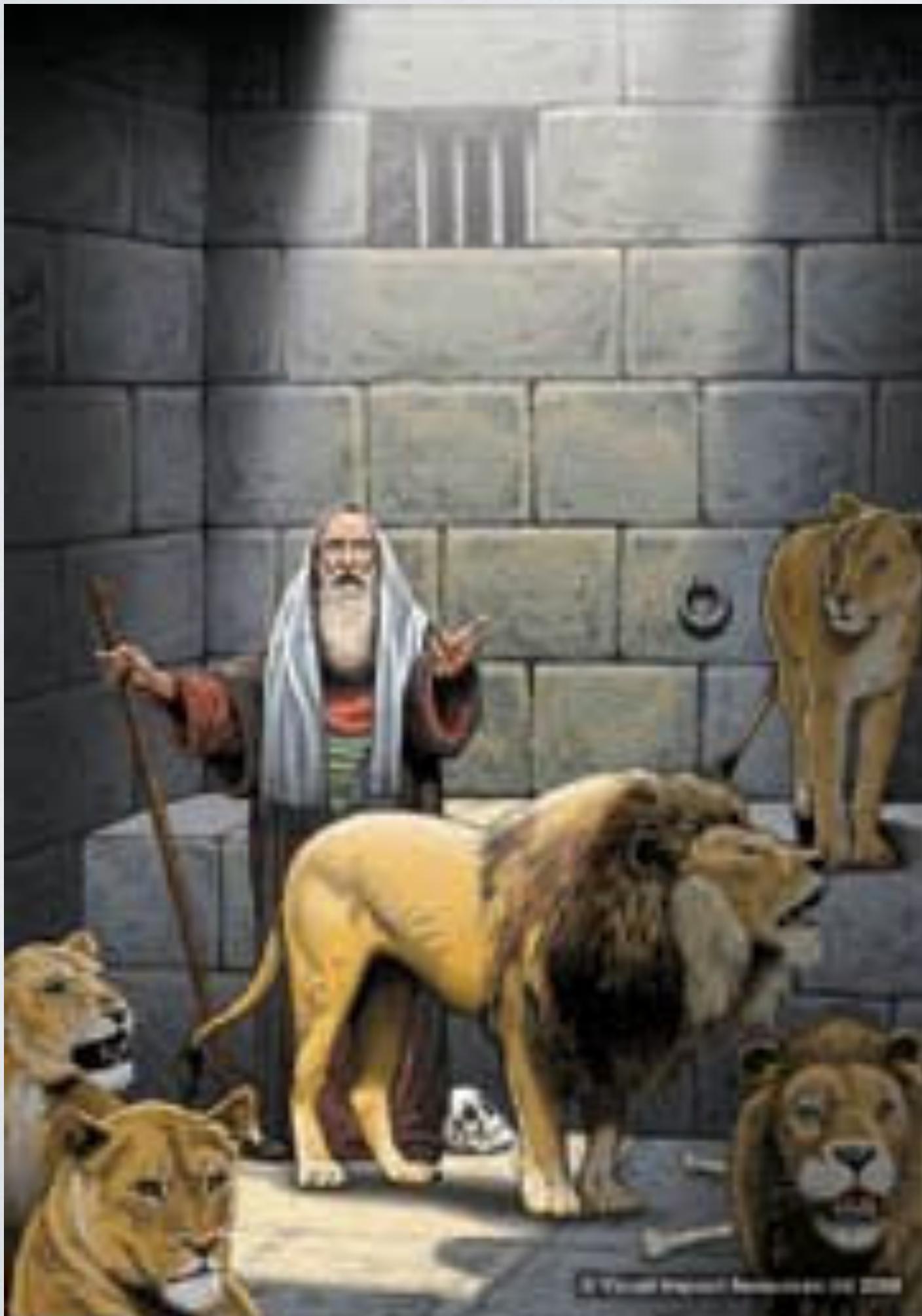
**Psalm 119:105–106 (NKJV)**

105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet  
And a light to my path. 106 I have  
sworn and confirmed That I will  
keep Your righteous judgments.

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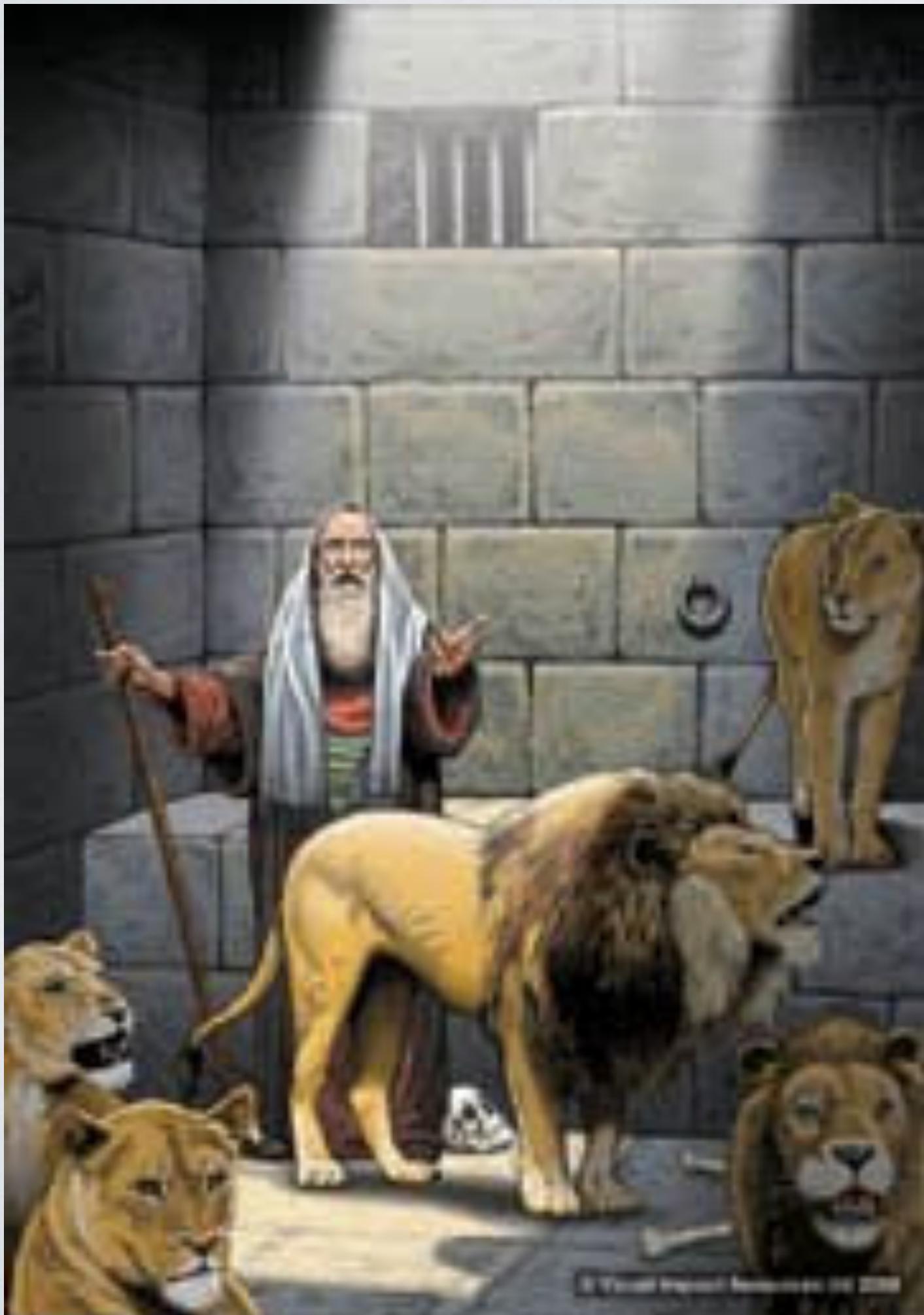
**Psalm 119:111–112 (NKJV)**

111 Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart. 112 I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

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**Joshua 24:15 (NKJV)**

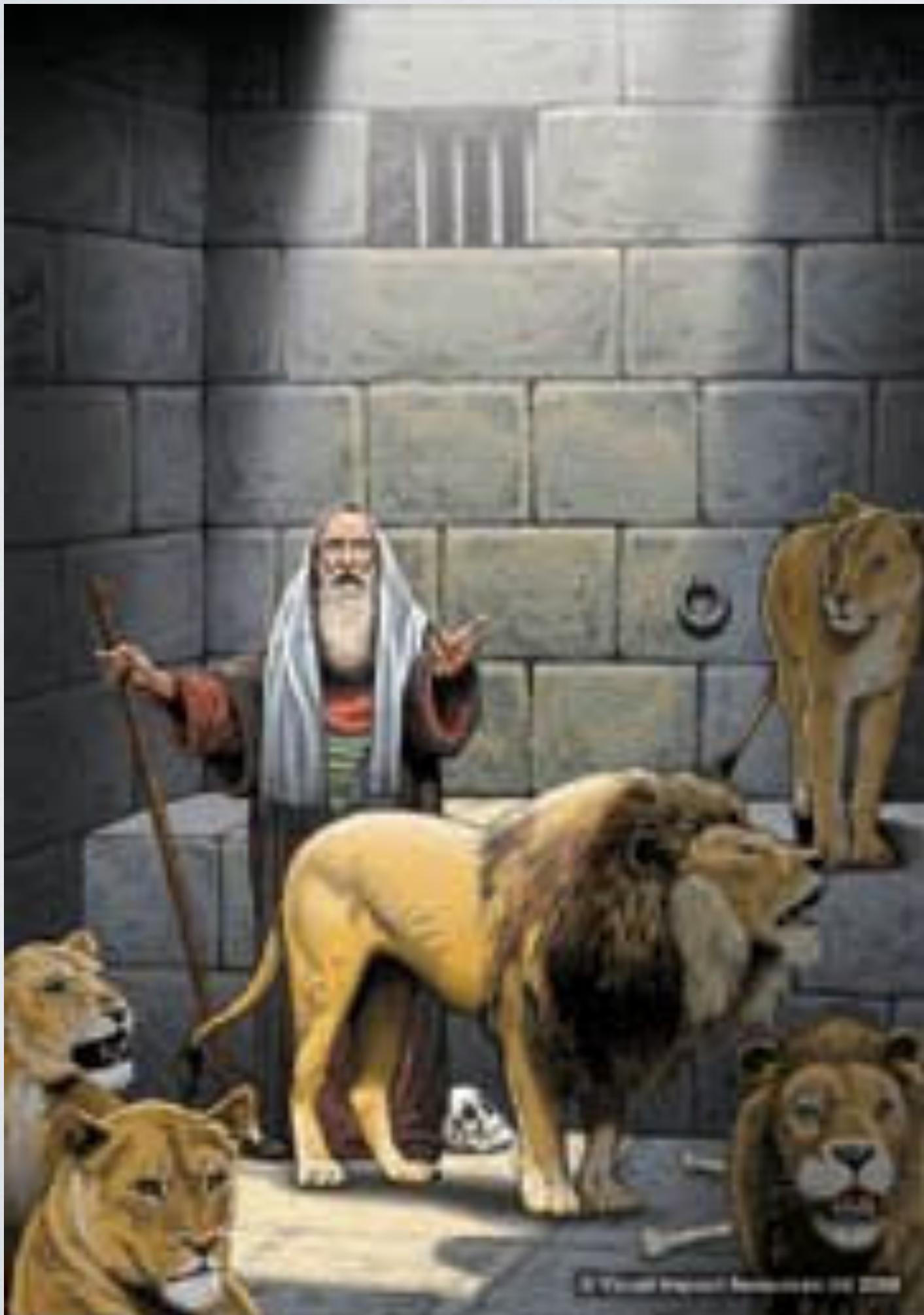
15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.

But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

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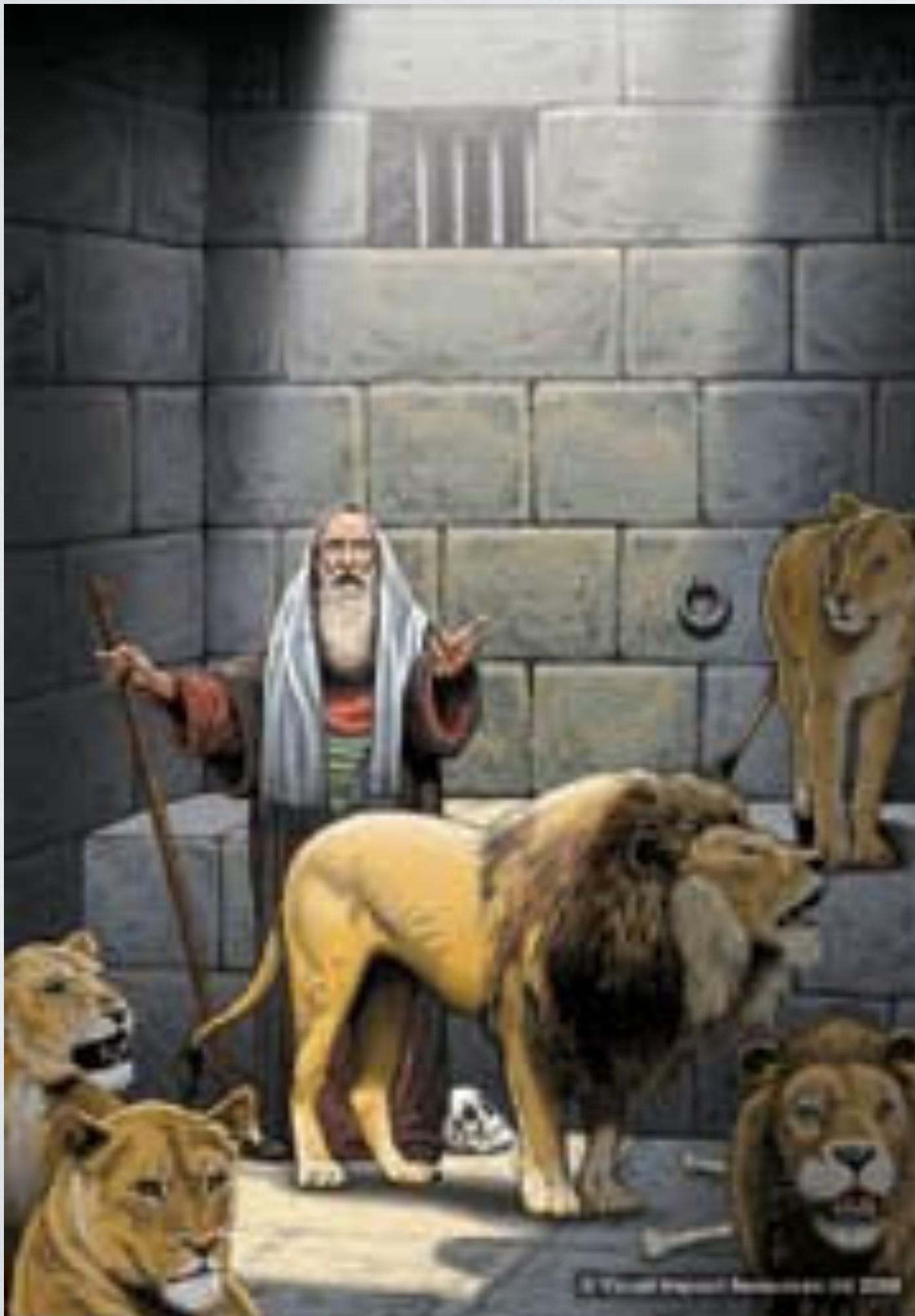
**Acts 11:23 (NKJV)**

23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

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- **We will not resist the world's pull without purpose & resolve** (Job 31:1; Ps 119:106,112, 115; Jos 24:15; Acts 11:23)
  - ▶ We will not accidentally get to heaven (Mt 7:13,14; 2 Pt 1:5-10)
  - ▶ Not merely good intentions, but intentional obedience (Jos. 24:15)
  - ▶ God will help (1 Cor. 10:13)

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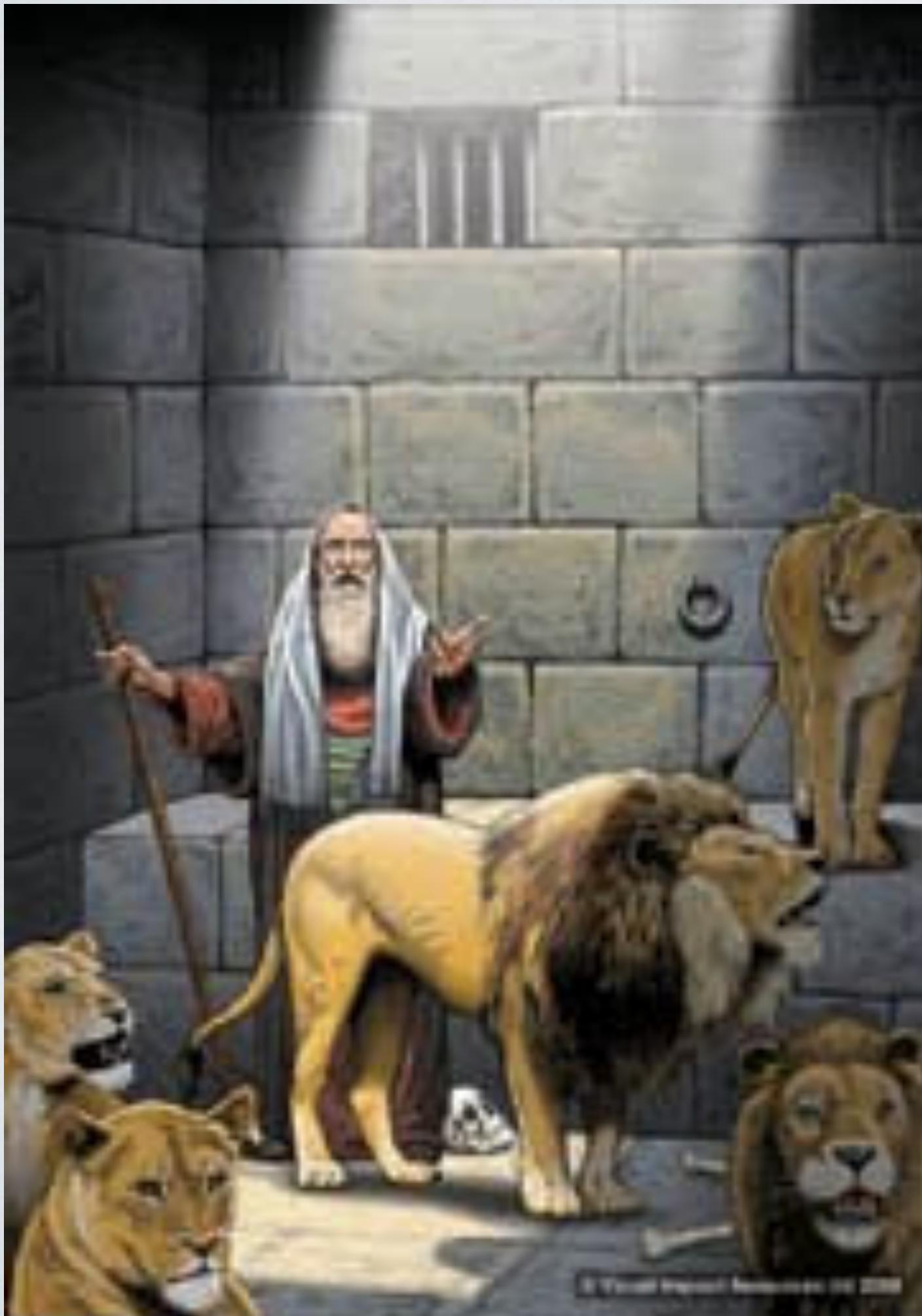
**Hebrews 6:11–12 (NKJV)**

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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**Hebrews 10:35–36 (NKJV)**

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

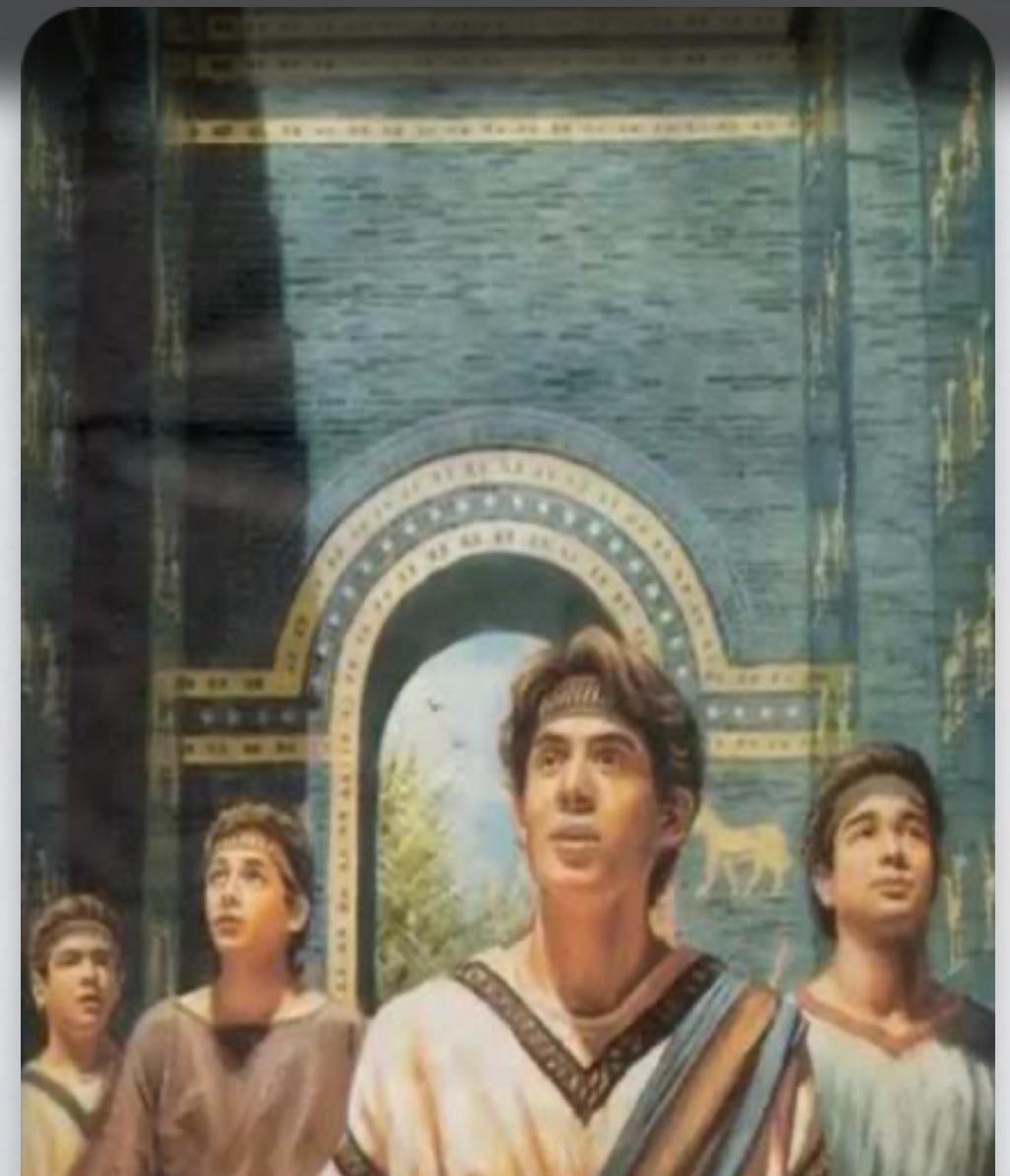
36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

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## Understand The Seriousness of Sin

Willing to face the punishment of men than be defiled (1:8,13)



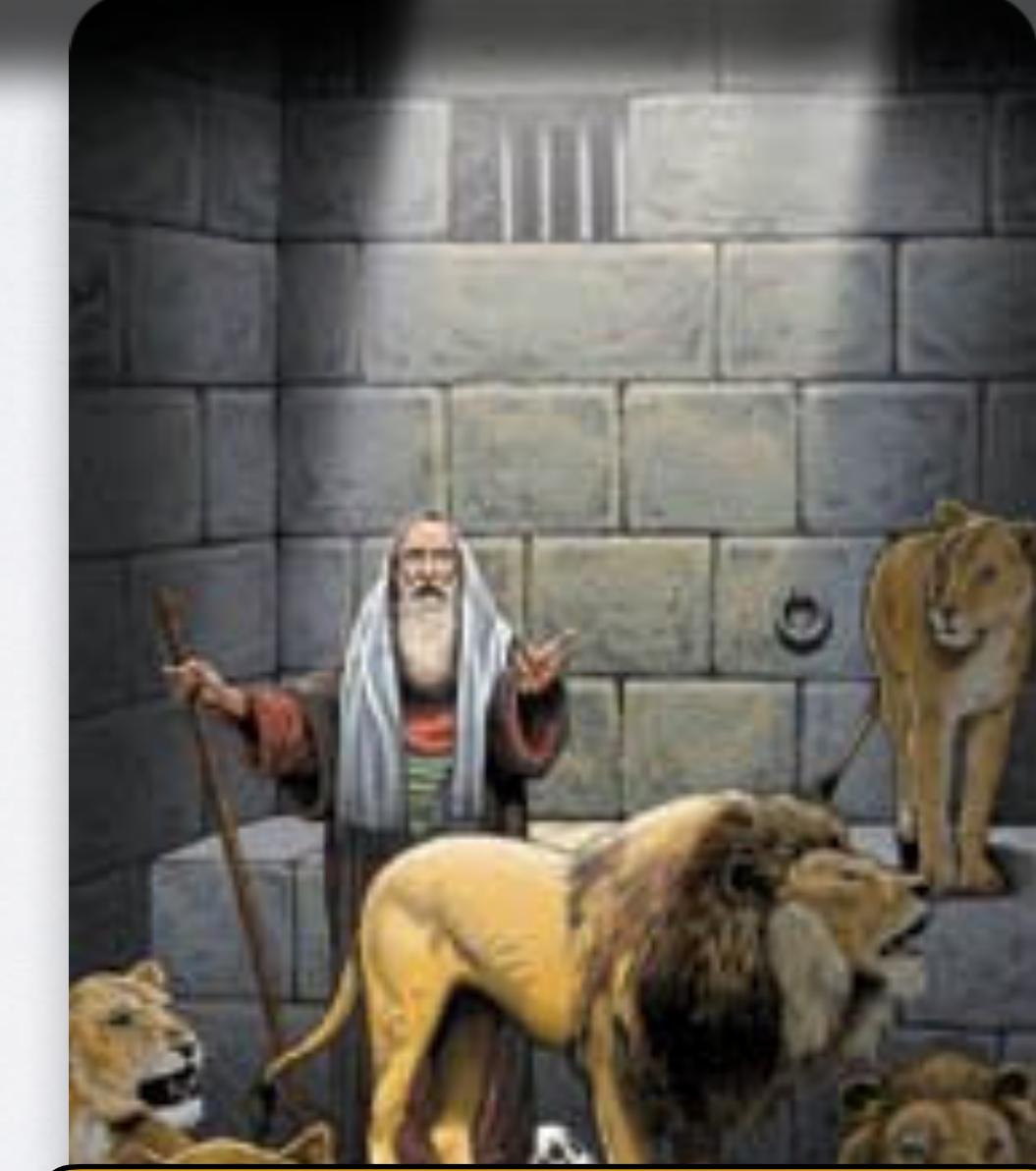
DANIEL 1

Willing to face a fiery furnace than worship false Gods (3:16-18)



DANIEL 3

Willing to be thrown to lions than **not** pray to God (6:10-11)



DANIEL 6

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- We will not successfully resist temptation if we **MINIMIZE** the seriousness of it!

### Genesis 3:6 (NKJV)

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

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**Matthew 5:29–30 (NKJV)**

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

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**Hebrews 2:1–3 (NKJV)**

1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. <sup>2</sup> For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, ...

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### James 1:14–15 (NKJV)

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

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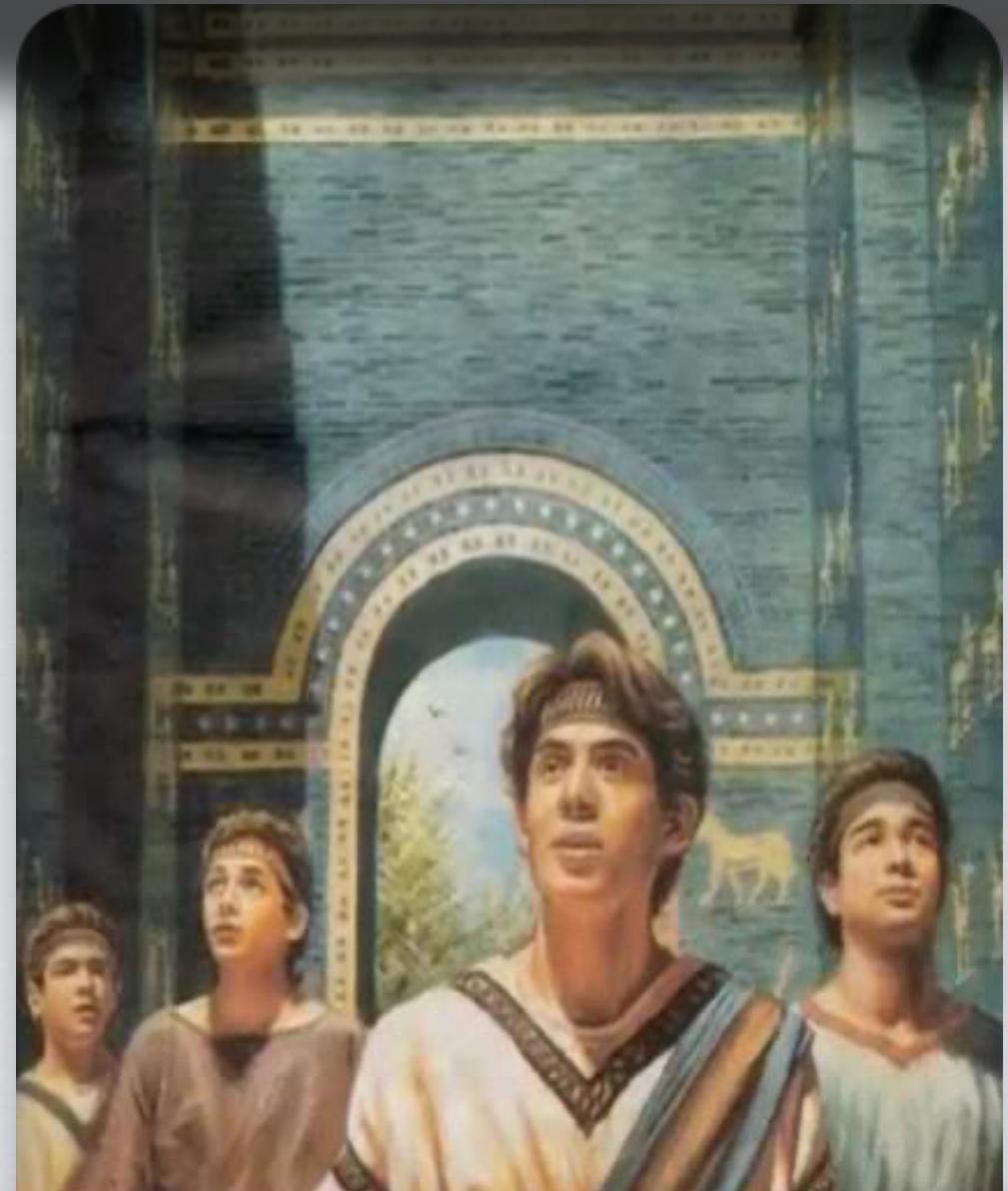
- We will not successfully resist temptation if we **MINIMIZE** the seriousness of it!
  - ▶ Sin is against God (Psalm 51:4)
  - ▶ Separates from God (Isaiah 59:1-3; 1 John 1:5-2:2)
  - ▶ Hurts & destroys others (Genesis 3; Joshua 7; 1 Corinthians 5)
  - ▶ Brings eternal death (Romans 6:23; James 1:13-16; Revelation 21:8)

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## Trust The Lord & His Word

Daniel trusted in the Lord's way & His protection (1:8,11-13)



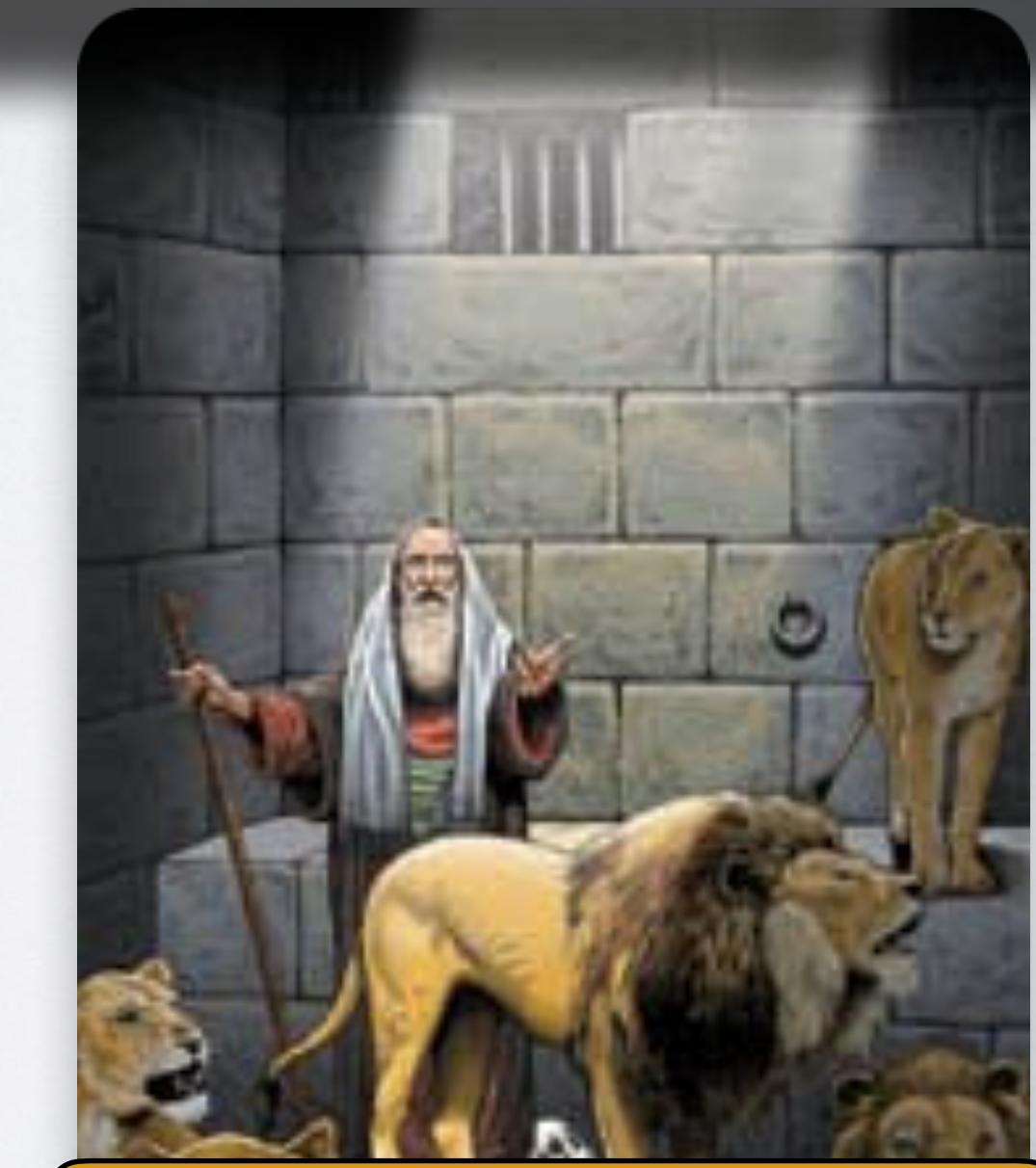
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God will deliver us . . .  
but if not . . . (3:16-18)



DANIEL 3

Daniel prayed despite threats, just as he had always done (6:10-11)



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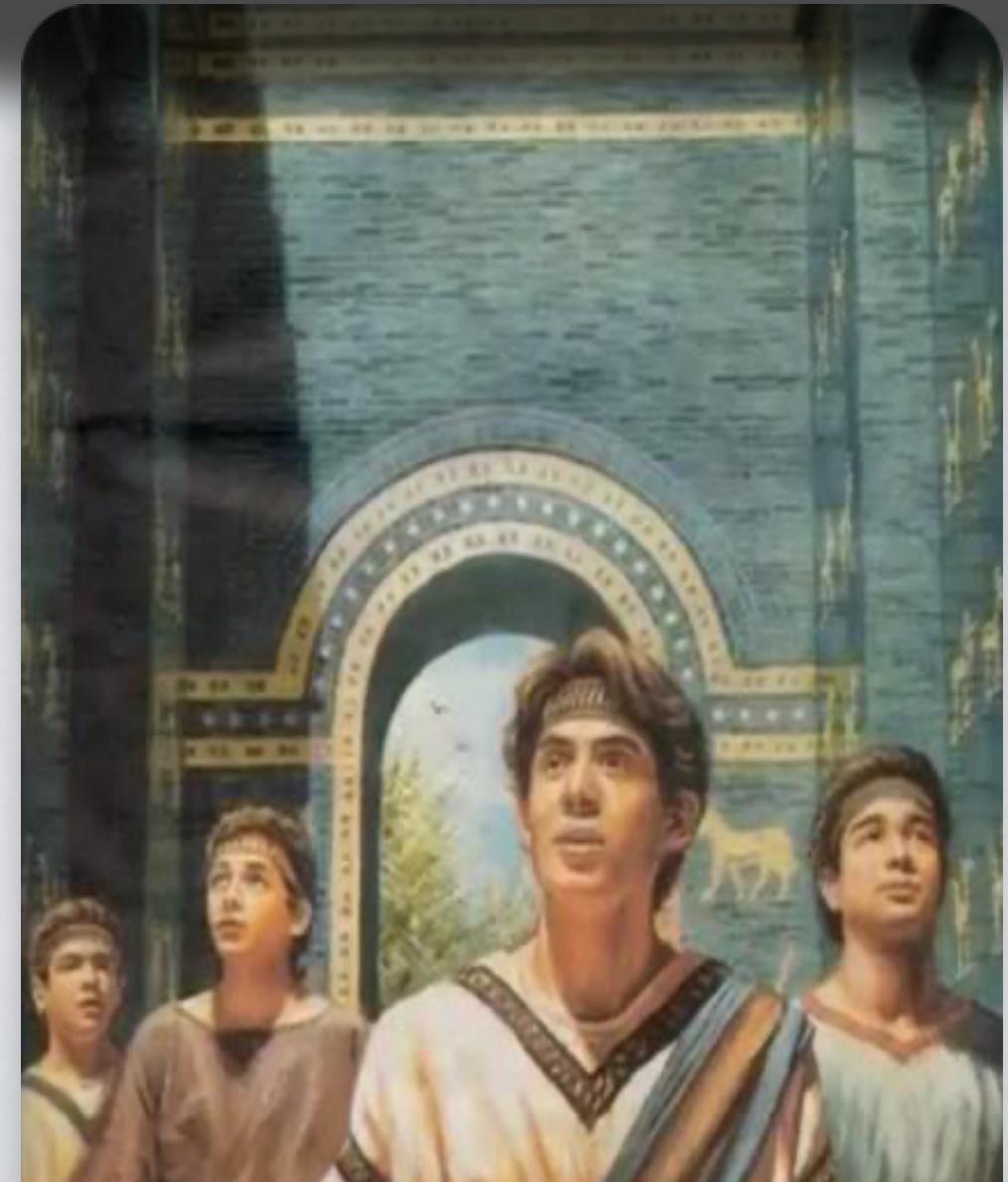
- A compromised faith exposes a weak faith (Hebrews 3:16-19; John 6:53-66)
- God will do what He has said! (Romans 4:19-21; Acts 27:25; 2 Timothy 1:12)
- The strength of our faith is directly related to our knowledge of God's word (Romans 10:17; Hos. 4:6; Eph. 6:16)
- There is a direct correlation between our HOPE and our FAITHFULNESS (1 John 3:3; 2 Cor 7:1; 2 Pet 3:14; Heb. 11:6,26)

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## Strengthened By Each Victory

Daniel, Hananiah,  
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refused to be defiled



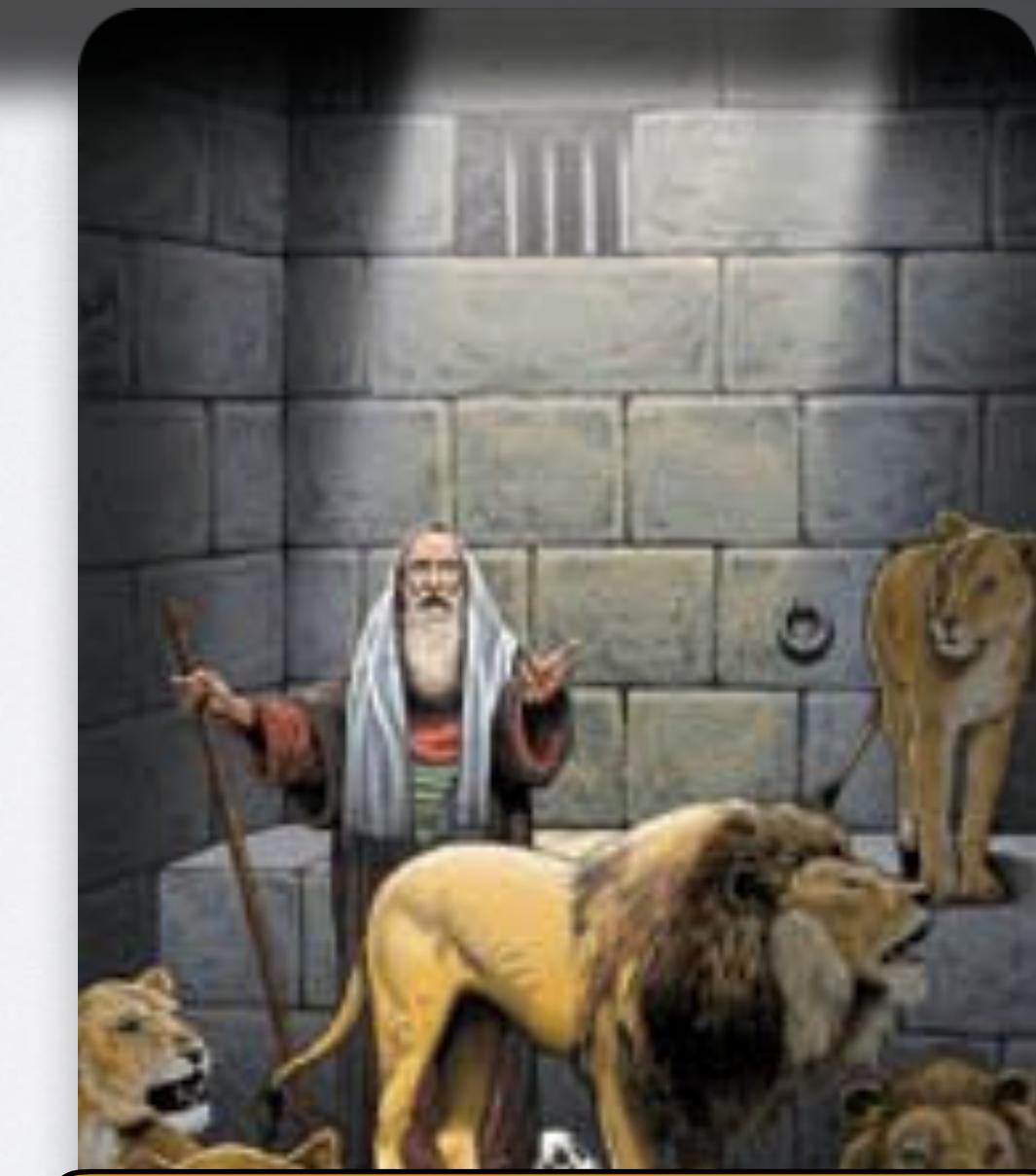
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Hananiah, Mishael, and  
Azariah would bow  
ONLY to God



DANIEL 3

Prayed ONLY to God as  
was his custom since  
his early days!



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- Those faithful in small matters will be faithful in larger matters (Luke 16:10,11; 19:17; Matthew 25:21)
- How can I face the big battles if I have failed to be victorious in the smaller ones? (Jeremiah 12:5)
- Temptations will come!! Begin now to develop a strong faith. Establish habits that will enable your spiritual growth!

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## Strengthened By Each Victory



Are we dedicated enough to the Lord that we refuse to compromise? (even in areas we may deem small?)

Satan is fine with small victories - but remember if you give him an inch ... Romans 13:14

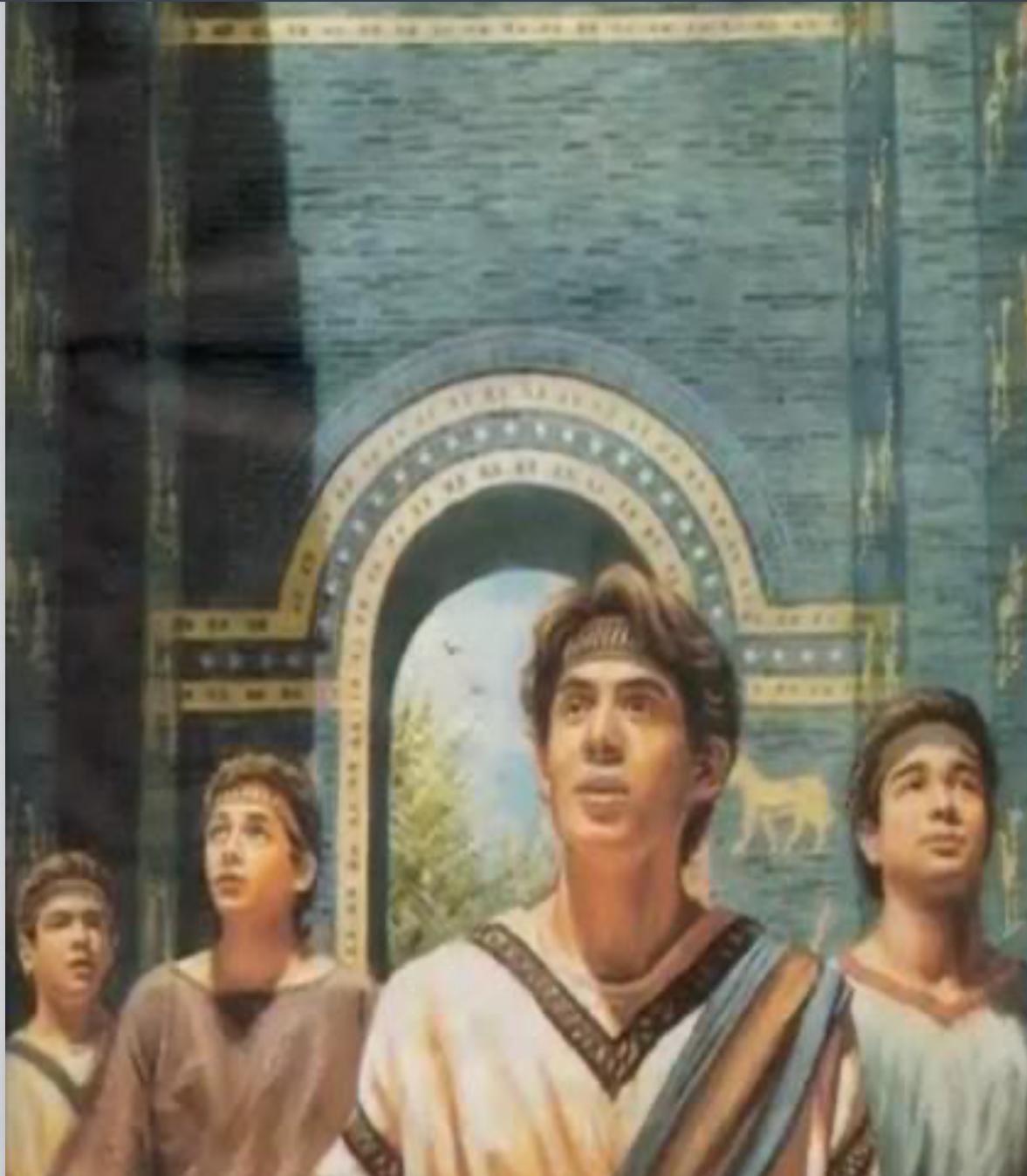
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## APPLICATIONS

**We live in a world where we are pressured to “compromise”**

To tolerate evil / accept wickedness / never speak out against sin or error / keep our faith to ourselves



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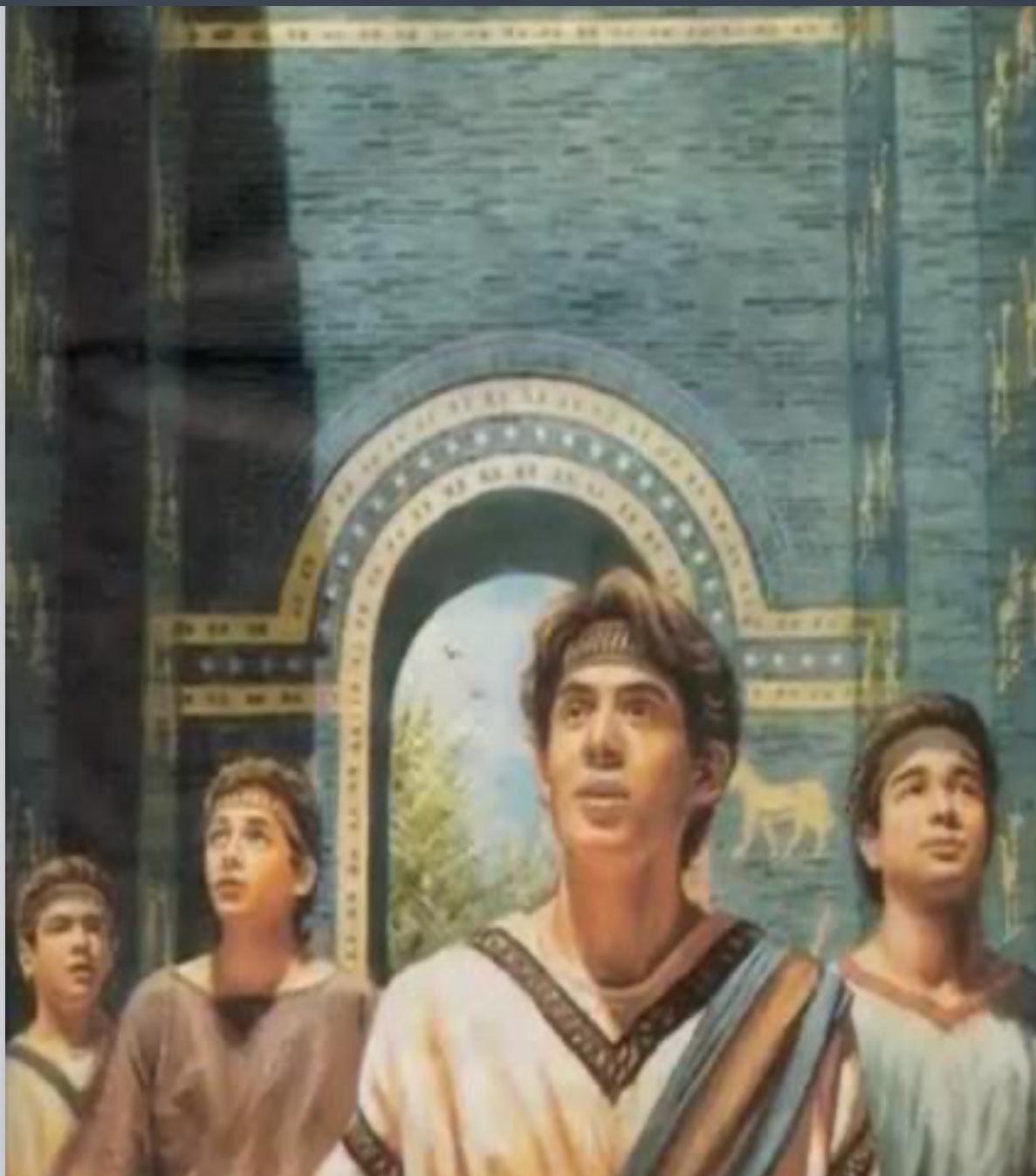
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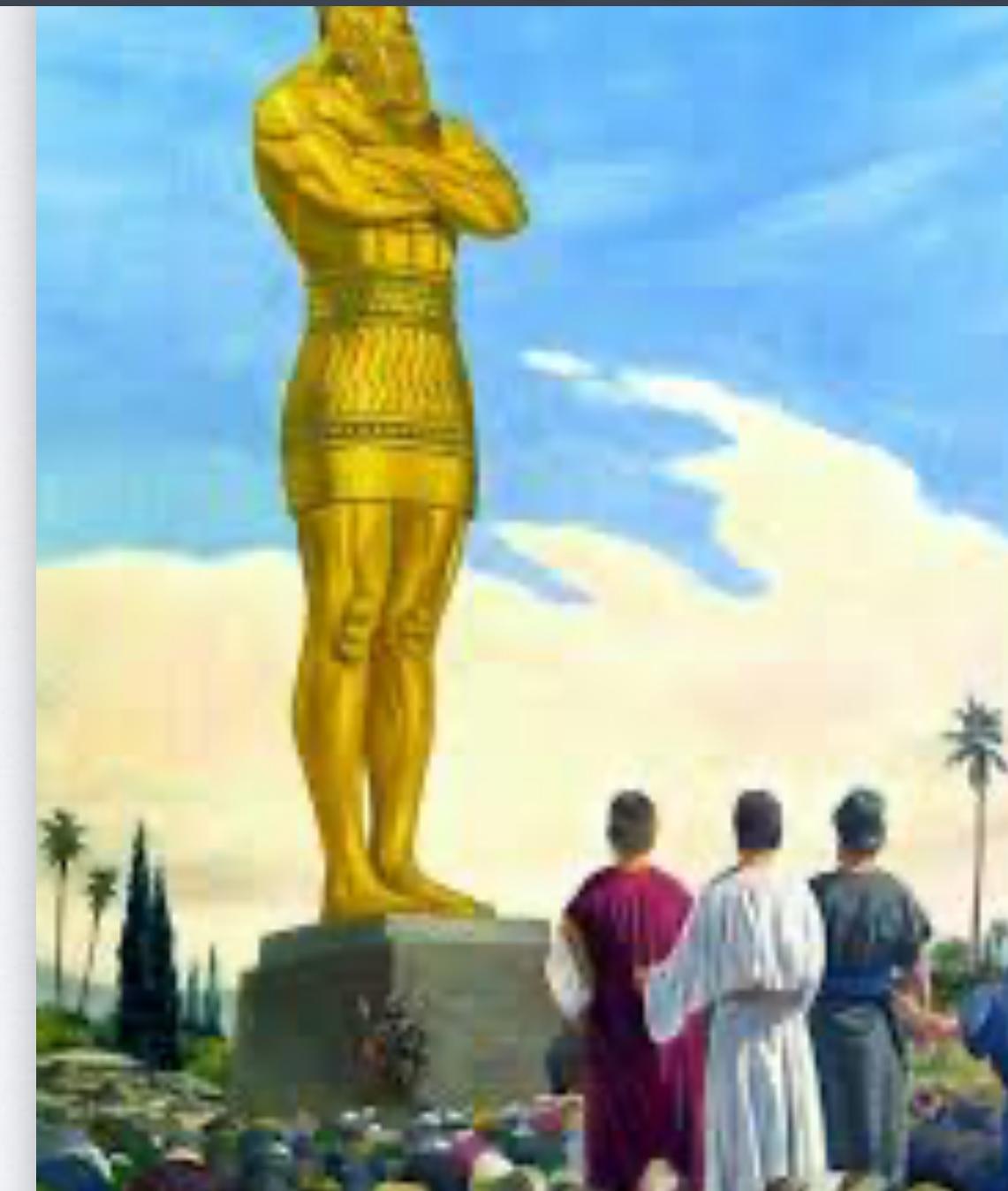
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**LET US NEVER COMPROMISE THE TRUTH**

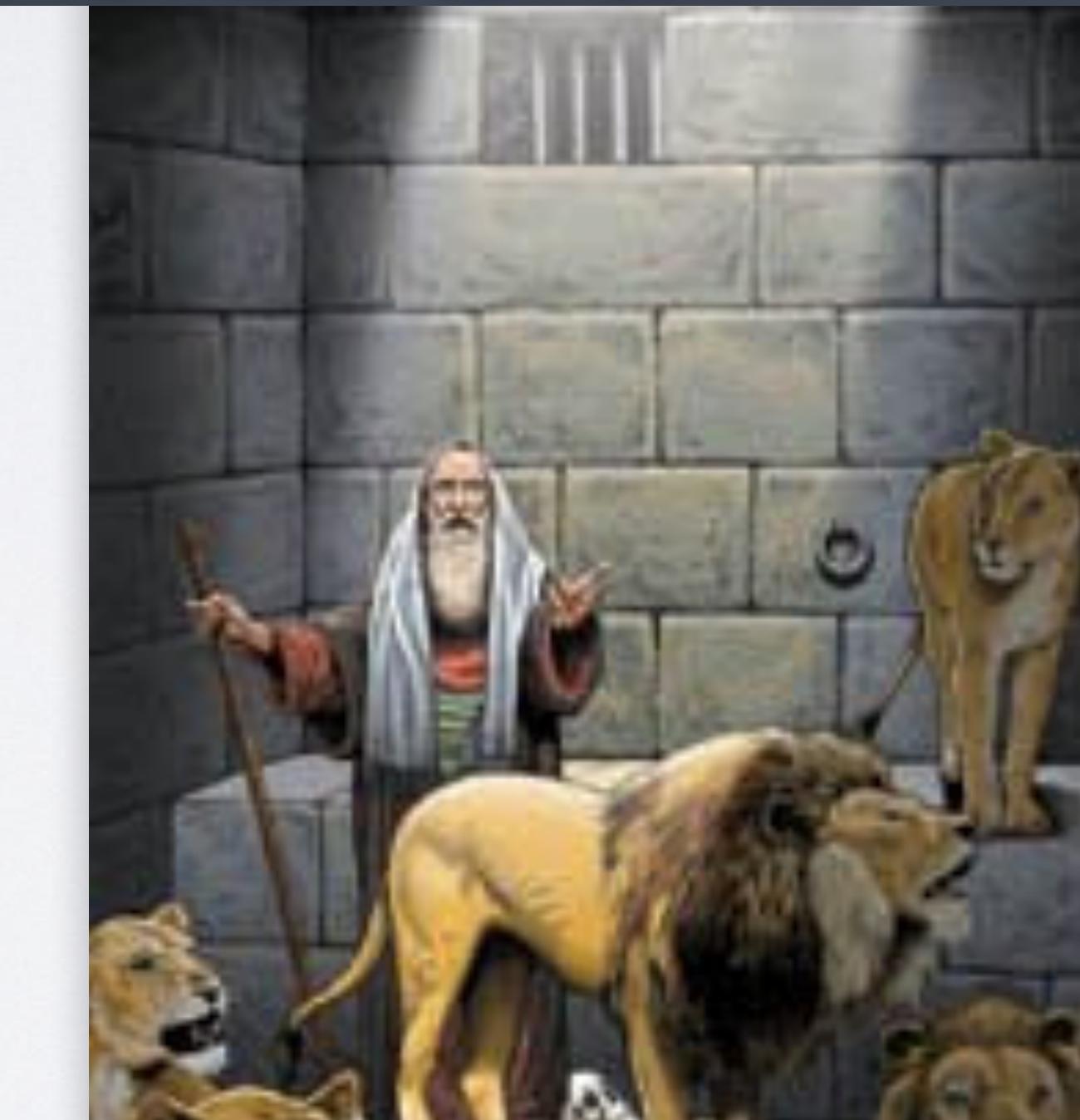
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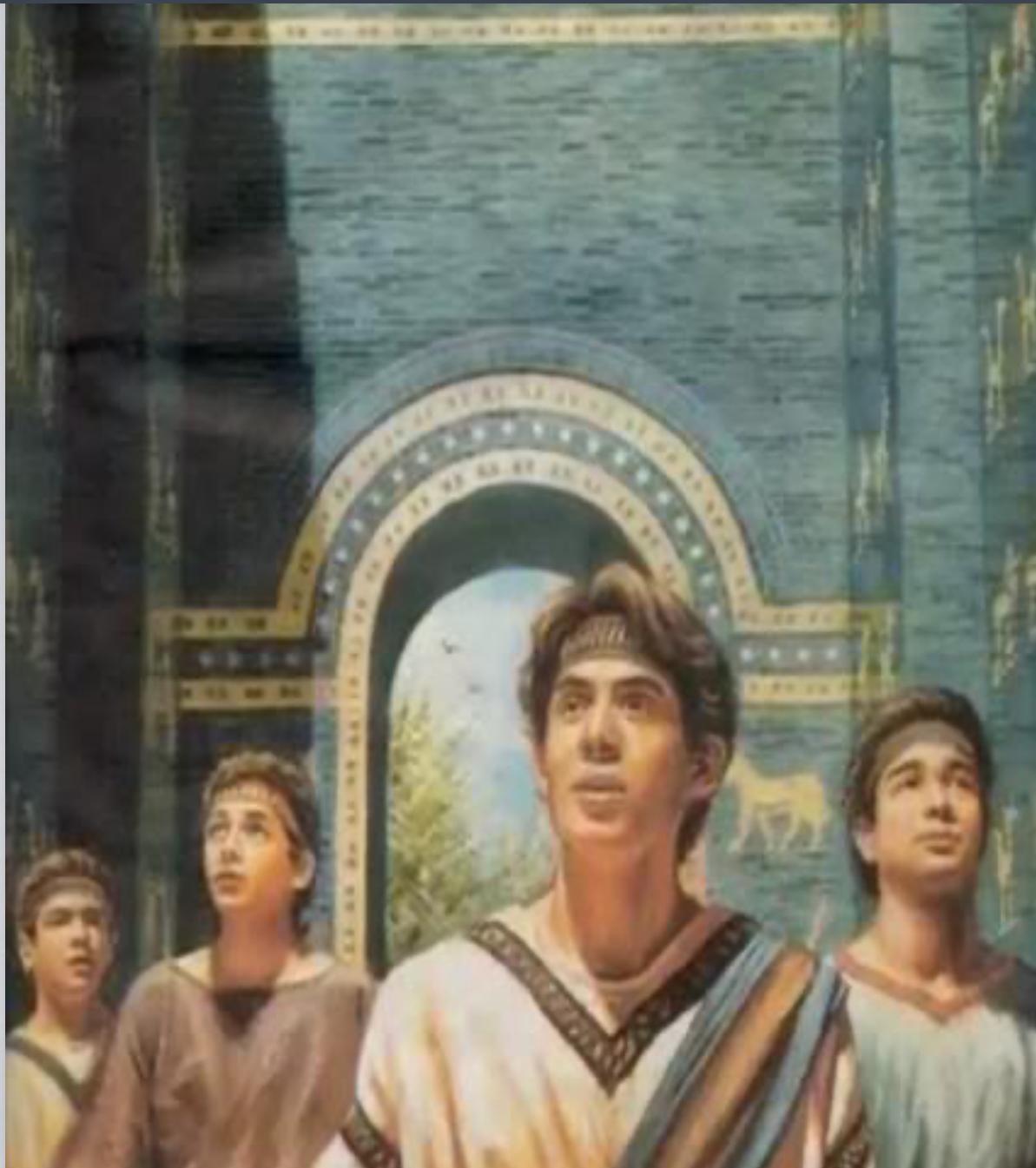
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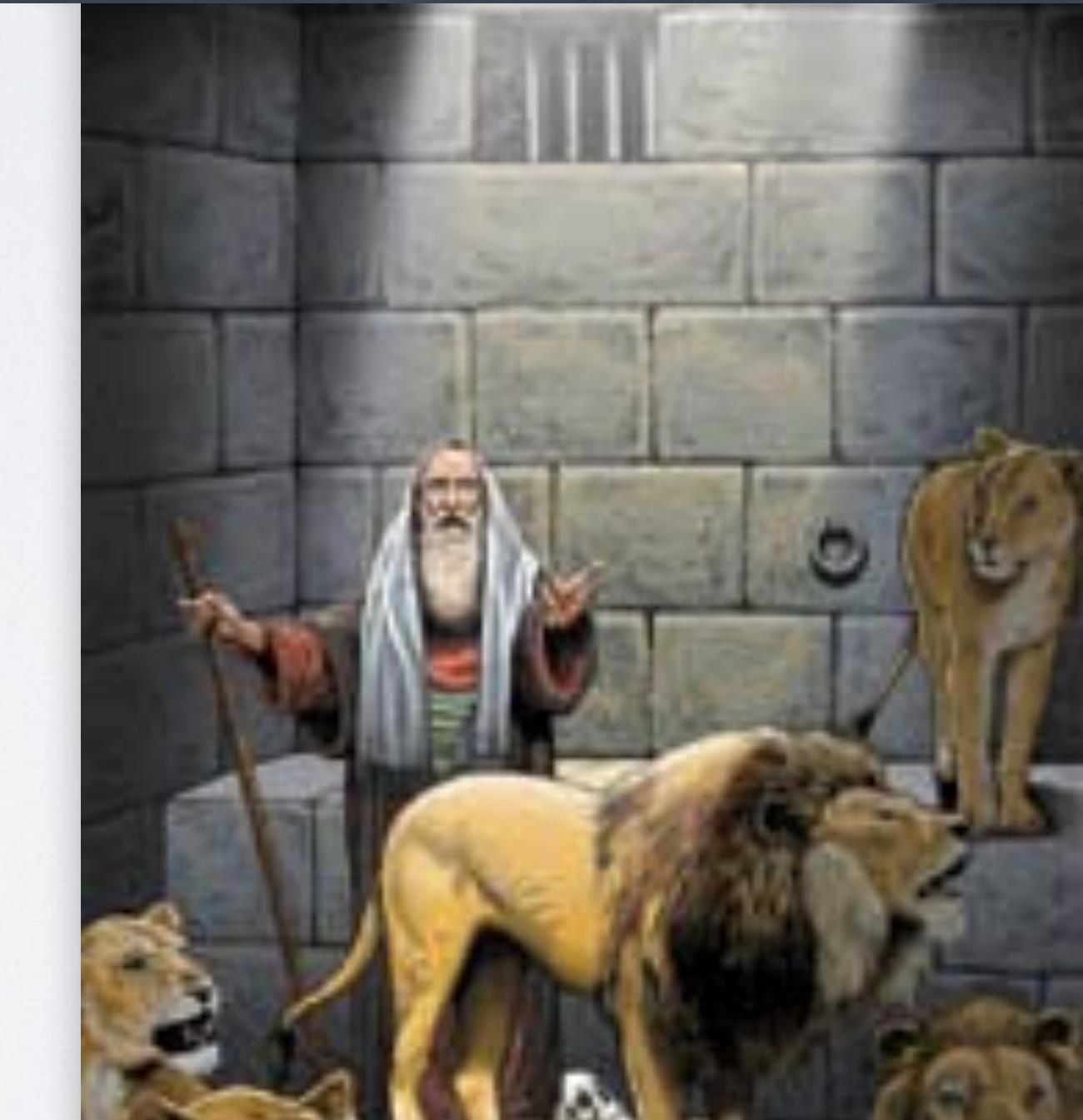
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Hate sin

Purpose to please God

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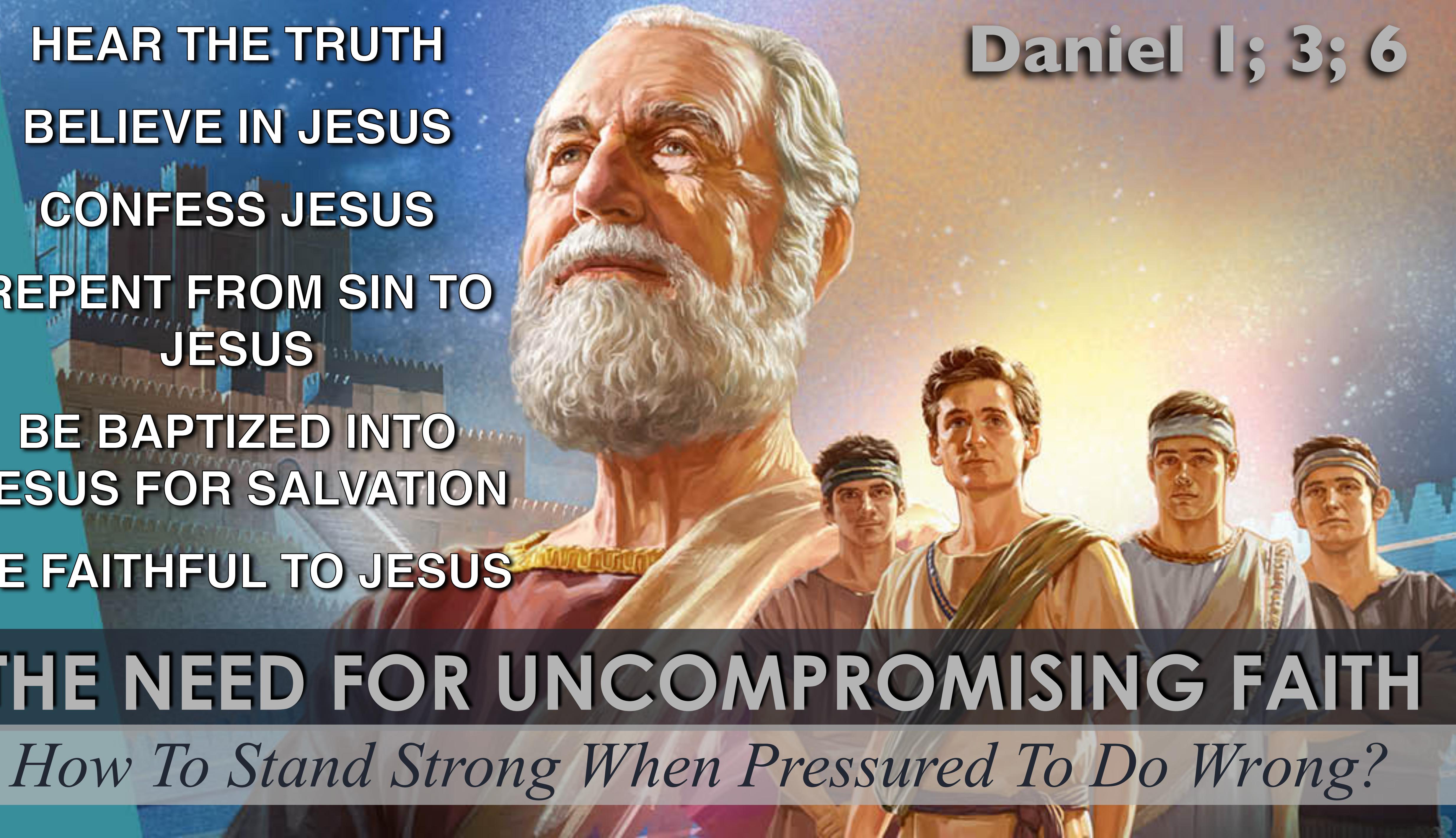
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BE BAPTIZED INTO  
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BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS

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If you are a  
Christian but guilty  
of compromising  
your your faith -  
repent, confess &  
pray TODAY!

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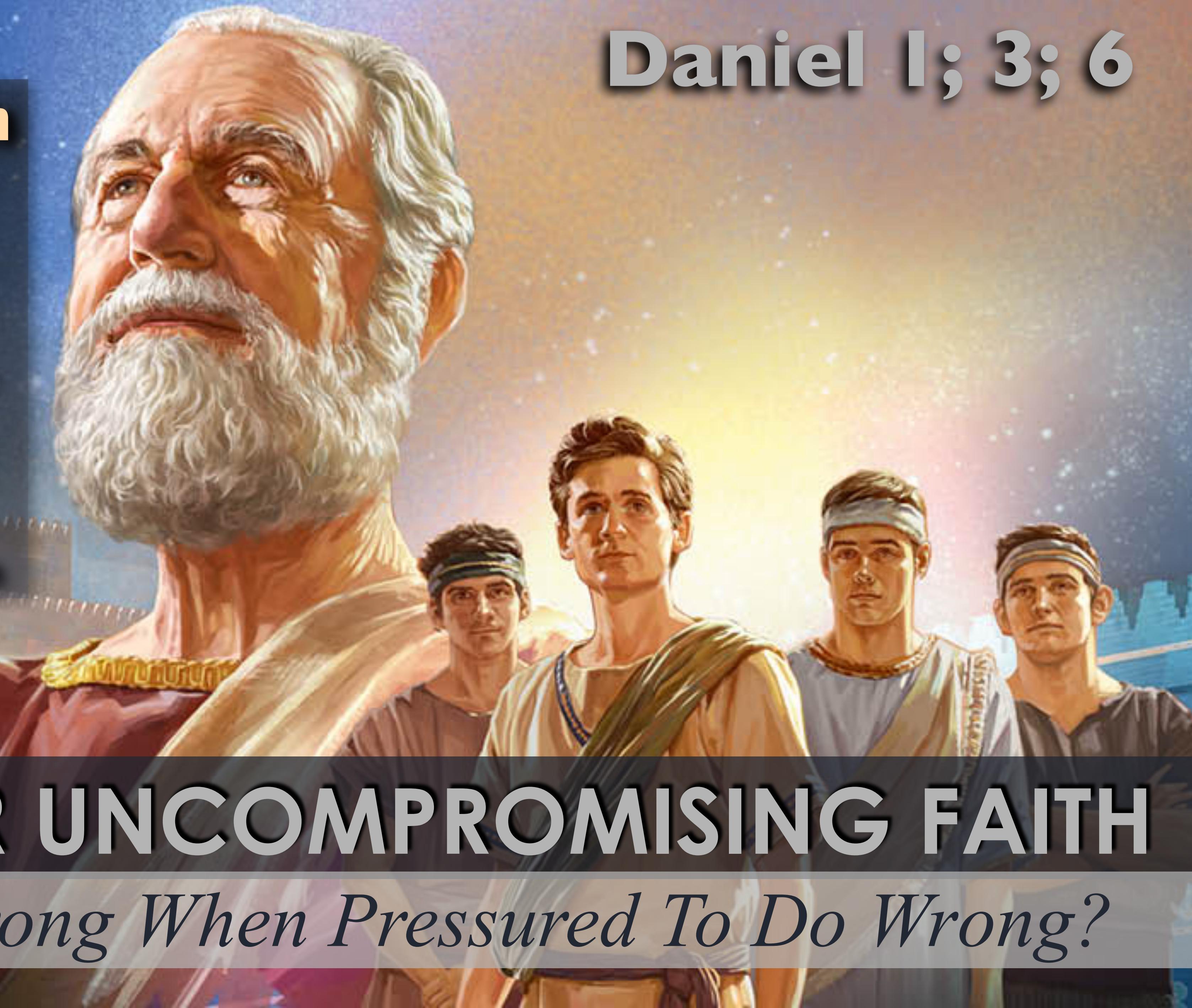
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## Colossians 1:21–23 (NKJV)

21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.



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