

# FIRST (SCOTS) SERMONS

**“All Creatures Great and Small”**

Scripture Lesson: Daniel 6: 10-22

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## **Daniel 6: 10-22**

### **Daniel in the Lions' Den**

10 Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. 11 The conspirators came and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. 12 Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, “O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to anyone, divine or human, within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be thrown into a den of lions?” The king answered, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” 13 Then they responded to the king, “Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.”

14 When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. 15 Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

16 Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!” 17 A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no food was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

### **Daniel Saved from the Lions**

19 Then, at break of day, the king got up and hurried to the den of lions. 20 When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?” 21 Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! 22 My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.”

### **All Creatures Great and Small**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Today, the scripture I chose is Daniel chapter 6, verses 10 through 22.

What I wanted to say is how, today in this world, we may not have kings, but we have presidents. And sometimes, the laws that our ruler makes are good — but in this story, they're not.

In this story, we have a family. And this family is living a happy life. They're safe at home, and they're happy. The family loves to travel, and traveling takes gas — and gas takes money. The family could always just barely pay their bill.

But one day, their president raised gas prices, and they couldn't go on as many trips anymore. Then, they couldn't pay their bills anymore. And the family couldn't get more gas until they paid off the bill.

The way they paid it off was the way they persevered in this story.

I think this ties into my scripture today because, in this story, the family perseveres through gas inflation. But with Daniel and his king, he persevered through the scarcity of food and being thrown into a lion's den.

For the king said, "No praying." But our president said, "More paying."

Daniel kept praying — and just like the king said, he was thrown into the lion's den. He persevered by praying with God, and eventually, he got out of that lion's den.

Even if it's from paying large amounts of money to being thrown into a lion's mouth, God can still help. All you have to do is persevere with Him.

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