



DANIEL AND THE
LIONS DEN
Daniel Chapter 6



POSSIBLE SERMONS...

- Daniel's faith
- Daniel's prayer life
- The King's statement on God
- The stupidity of having law like "The Medes and Persians"



Living in a faith hostile world

"When Christians are excluded from public life, society will lose the modern-day Wilberforces and Shaftesburys who campaigned against great social injustices, motivated by their faith. Society also loses the faith-based charities that offer an alternative approach to defeating social problems."
Tim Montgomerie in *The Catholic Herald*

"Its getting harder for nice people to do good things."
Tim Smith

“Another reason for secularist rage at people of faith, one might think, is exasperation on the part of militant atheists that religion has not died out as they hoped.”

Stuart Jeffries in The Guardian

John 15:18-22

¹⁸ “If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. ¹⁹ The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world...

²¹ They will do all this to you because of me, for they have rejected the one who sent me.

²² They would not be guilty if I had not come and spoken to them.



Responding to a faith hostile world

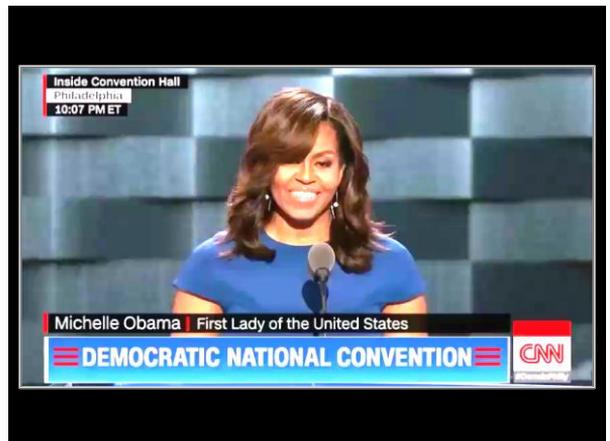
1 Peter 3:13-17

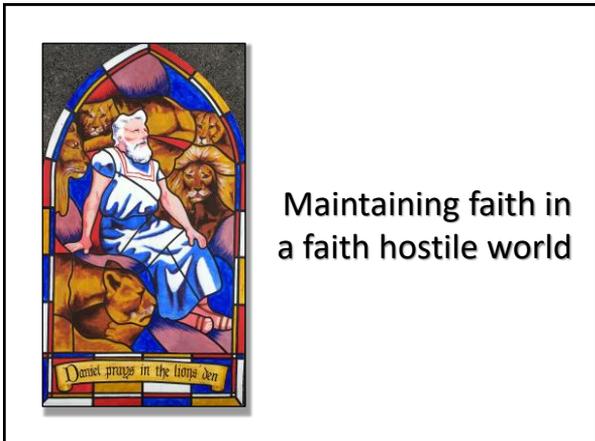
¹³ Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats.

¹⁵ Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. ¹⁶ But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear...

...Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.

¹⁷ Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!





Matthew 4:19
Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me"

Daniel 6:10
But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

Luke 9:23-24
Then Jesus said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

