Into the Lion's Den

Which would you rather…say your daily prayers or have your life?

The era of not us kings - Ever since Daniel we're ruled by kings who are not Jesus.

1. Setting the trap

Daniel's only fault is that he puts God first.

In the era of not us kings you can be religious, provided God comes second.

When it's *"conform or else!!!"* it is business as usual, *"as he had done previously," v*10

Are we sackable like Daniel or will be bend and conform to save ourselves?

2. A test of Gods.

A legal problem - Darius can't rescue a lawbreaker and still be a just ruler himself.

How can it be right for a righteous God to make unrighteous people right, and still be right in Himself?

Deja vu - Daniel is prayerful, innocent, plotted against, dies, a stone is rolled over the tomb, comes out the other side, is vindicated and given the highest rule.

At the cross of Jesus, God makes unrighteous people right and is still right in himself.

Rescuing lawbreakers is God's speciality - v16, v20,

3. Who's the boss?

People have been trying to stop God's people for thousands of years

They don't realise their very breath is in God's hand, 5:23

Living, enduring, kingdom, dominion, delivers, rescues, saves - v26-27