

that could not be changed.

'For thirty days no one must ask for anything from any god. Whoever breaks this law will be thrown to the lions.'

Daniel knew that the king had signed the order. But he still prayed to God, openly, three times a day.

Daniel's enemies were delighted. Their plot had worked. They hurried to tell the king.

Darius was angry and upset. He thought very hard, but he could find no way to save Daniel.

That night Daniel was thrown into a deep pit full of hungry lions.

The king couldn't eat his supper. He sent all the royal musicians and entertainers away. He did not sleep a wink. As soon as it began to grow light he hurried to the lion-pit.

'Daniel,' he called out. 'Was your God able to save you from the lions?' He did not expect a reply.

But to his amazement Daniel's voice answered, 'Yes, your majesty. The lions have not hurt me. God knew that I was innocent. I have done you no wrong.'

'Set him free at once,' Darius cried. 'And throw the men who accused him to the lions!'

So Daniel came out unhurt, because of his trust in God.

King Darius made a new law.

'Let everyone in my kingdom tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, who saved him from the lions. He is the living God, for ever and ever.'

