Lesson 9 – Daniel 6:1-28 Part 2: "The Lions"

5. Spiritual Lesson about the Lions:

- a. Lions have no ______ on us unless we ______ them to:
 - 2 Tim 4:17 "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion."

Because of Daniel's ______ to God, Satan had no ______ on him.

- 2) 1 Peter 5:8 "Be _____, be _____; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may ______ (Lit., to drink down or swallow up, but here it means to ______):"
 - a) Be _____ (Aorist, Active, Imperative):
 - 1- To be ______ in spirit.
 - 2- To be _____ (marked by moderation), dispassionate (not controlled by emotions), _____ (careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences).
 - b) Be _____ (Aorist, Active, Imperative):
 - 1- Metaph., give ______ attention to, be ______, active.
 - 2- To take _____ lest through remission and _____ some destructive calamity suddenly overtakes you.
 - 3- To not ______ in one's ______ of faith and conduct.
 - c) The example of Paul:
 - 1- Begins 1MJ at around age _____ (been in ministry for _____ years).
 - 2- Begins 2MJ at around age _____ (been in ministry for _____ years).
 - 3- Begins 3MJ at age around _____ (been in ministry for _____ years).
 - 4- Spends 3 years in Caesarean prison (_____ years of age) and has been in the ministry for _____ years.
 - 5- Spends 3 years in 1st Roman Imprisonment (_________ years old) and has been in the ministry for ______ years, and while there he writes the letters of Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, and Philippians.

- 6- At age _____ and after serving the Lord for _____ years, he is back in a Roman prison and writing a letter of encouragement to his fellow evangelist named Timothy (i.e. 2 Timothy) as he faces certain execution.
- b. Lions hunt mostly at _____:
 - 1) Why do most predatory animals, including lions, hunt at night? They hunt at night because the darkness gives them an ______ over their prey. The lack of spiritual ______ in our lives gives Satan an ______ over us.
 - 2) Read John 3:19-21.

c. Lions hunt in _____:

- 1) We must stick together for there is ______ and _____ in numbers.
- 2) Ecc 4:12 "And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."
- 3) Heb 10:25 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."
- 4) Matt 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- d. Lions attack the very _____, the _____, and the _____:
 - 1) We must allow ourselves to ______ into strong believers.

E.g., the life of Abraham for he had at least three attacks of weak faith.

- 2) We must _____our young, weak, and feeble until they get strong.
 - a) Look at Peter before Pentecost:
 - 1- He has to be ______ three times with the third _____ resulting in his ship almost sinking.
 - 2- He ______ into the sea because he takes his eyes off Jesus.
 - 3- He tries to ______ Jesus for saying He would suffer and Jesus calls him ______.
 - 4- He falls ______ in the garden when asked to ______.
 - 5- He _____ Jesus three times.

- 6- He goes back to ______ and then is rebuked by Jesus three times.
- 7- Yet, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22:31-32).
- 8- Yet, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18).
- b) Then, look at Peter after Pentecost (see Acts 4:18-21 and 5:27-33).

e. Lions operate in _____:

- 1) We must stay ______. ____ is Satan's tool. He operates in
- 2) Examples:
 - a) King Saul's downfall.
 - b) Moses' sin.
 - c) Probably Mark's problem.
 - d) The problem suffered by John the Baptist's disciples: *Read* John 3:25-26.
- 3) The Solution:
 - a) John's fourth testimony: *Read* John 3:27-31:
 - 1- v27: Remember, everything we have or ever will have is ______ to us from heaven.
 - 2- v31: Remember, who are we ______ to Jesus!
 - a- Read Isaiah 64:6.
 - b- Read Romans 11:36.
 - b) Paul and Barnabas' reaction at Lystra: *Read* Acts 14:8-18.