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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1576 ~ Daniel in the Lion's Den.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

The story is told of a young man who came to a 90-year old man and said to him: "How have you managed to live so long and be so well?"

The old man took the young man to an orchard of fruit trees, saying, "I planted these trees when I was a boy, and do you wonder that now I am permitted to gather the fruit from them?" We gather in old age what we plant in our youth. Sow to the wind, and you will reap the whirlwind. Plant in early life in the right kind of a Christian character and gather these harvest fruit in eternity.

A writer once said: "Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old only by deserting their ideals." Indeed, it's easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

Today's Bible Adventure is one of the best known stories from the Bible. It took place in the first year of the reign of King Darius over Babylon and the surrounding nations.

Daniel was thought to be about 90 years of age but like the fruitful trees mentioned above, he was considered by the new king to be so valuable that he was given a position directly under the king himself.

While it is not true of most people, a few of the most famous men from the last four centuries did their best work when they were older than seventy or eighty and a couple of them when they were over ninety.

In Daniel's case, he had lived his life honouring his Creator God and doing the work that God gave him to do. Not everyone was pleased with his appointment at the head of the new government and a plot was hatched to kill him.

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In Psalm 37, it says: "The wicked plot against the righteous." "The wicked lie in wait for the righteous seeking their very lives; but the Lord will not leave them in their power or let them be condemned when brought to trial. In a little while the wicked will be no more." This is a fitting description of Daniel and this trial brought upon him by the wicked men desiring to oust him out of his job.

When Nebuchadnezzar's advisors plotted against Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to get them killed, the King was so amazed at the miracle of these men walking in the red hot flames with the Lord Jesus that he didn't punish the men who set up the plot. Instead Shadrach and his friends were promoted. That particular plot not only didn't work, it created an opposite effect.

But today's plot brought disaster to those who tried to get the king to kill Daniel. King Darius saw through the plot after God saved Daniel and punished those who had set it up by tricking him into signing that death-laden decree.

In governments around the world, there are still people who try to get laws passed to get other people killed. In Western countries, the population is getting out of balance with too many older people. To escape the financial burden of caring for all these people, laws to kill off all those elderly with poor quality of life are introduced through parliaments. The special word is called "euthanasia."

If those laws are passed, the law is extended then to those who have a chronic sickness. This is called the “slippery slope” and continues to expand until all elderly people fear their doctor might kill them. It has been reported that in one country where these laws for killing the elderly are in place, old people carry a card in their clothing saying, “Doctor, please don’t kill me.” That is living a life of fear.

What does God have to say about this? God forbids the taking of human life. In Genesis, Chapter 9, it says: “If anyone takes human life, he will be punished.” The reason for this is that human beings are made like God. In Exodus, Chapter 20, it says: “Do not commit murder.” And the positive side of this comes from Romans, Chapter 13, where we are taught: “Love your neighbour as you love yourself. If you love others, you will never do them wrong.”

God didn’t consider Daniel too old for the job he was given. In the first year of King Darius, God gave Daniel more visions. Whatever age and stage of life you are at, be like Daniel. Keep your mind and body active but most of all, make your prayer life a major part of each day.

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