



**Daniel in the Lions' Den by Briton Riviere 1890**

*“A picture which Mary Baker Eddy said she prized very highly was the now famous English steel etching [by Briton Riviere] of “Daniel in the Lions’ Den”. As we stood before this most interesting picture she gave us a very entertaining and instructive explanation, not only of Daniel, but also of the seven lions. Then she went on and told us that when error seemed to press her exceptionally hard, she would leave her work for a few minutes and come and stand before this picture, and study anew the calm and loving manner in which Daniel looked steadfastly to God and God only. He paid no heed to the lions or seeming danger, letting his dear heavenly Father care for the ferocious beasts and keep them at a safe distance. With fresh courage, she would return to her work, with a heart full of joy and gratitude for His protecting care.”\*\**

*From the Methodist Pulpit into Christian Science, by Reverend Severin E. Simonsen*

*\*\* Mary Baker Eddy wrote, “Understanding the control that Love held over all, Daniel felt safe in the lions’ den, and Paul proved the viper to be harmless.” Science and Health 514:26*