

Daniel 3:1–30

Dan 3:1-Living Bible - King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet high and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon;

Dan 3:2 then he sent messages to all the princes, governors, captains, judges, treasurers, counselors, sheriffs, and rulers of all the provinces of his empire, to come to the dedication of his statue.

Dan 3:3 When they had all arrived and were standing before the monument,

The devil's goal is to get you to conform to the world (vv. 1–7).

Dan 3:4 a herald shouted out, "O people of all nations and languages, this is the king's command:

Dan 3:5 "When the band strikes up, *you are to fall flat on the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue...*

Romans 12:2-NKJV

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

Passion - Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think.

Worldly thinking says: If you don't conform or think like the world, then they say you are in rebellion. (vv. 8–15)

Dan 3:12 But there are some Jews out there—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, whom you have put in charge of Babylonian affairs—*who have defied you, refusing to serve your gods* or to worship the gold statue you set up."

Revelation 12:10 – Passion

...For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who *relentlessly* accused them day and night before our God, has now been *defeated*—cast out once and for all!

The three men in the fire dared to be different.

We are to be men on fire from God and for God.

We are to be men who Have a Real Faith in God. (vv. 16–17)

Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, ***we are not worried about what will happen to us.***

Dan 3:17 If we are thrown into the flaming furnace, *our God is able to deliver us; and he will deliver us out of your hand, Your Majesty.*

We are to be men who will not sell out when things get tough. (v. 18)

Dan 3:18 *But if he doesn't*, please understand, sir, *that even then we will never under any circumstance serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have erected.*"

These men were thrown into the fire. (vv. 19–23)

Dan 3:19 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury and his face became dark with anger at Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He commanded that the furnace be heated up seven times hotter than usual,

Dan 3:20 and called for some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and throw them into the fire.

Dan 3:21 So they bound them tight with ropes and threw them into the furnace, fully clothed.

Dan 3:22 And because the king, in his anger, had demanded such a hot fire in the furnace, the flames leaped out and killed the soldiers as they threw them in!

Dan 3:23 So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell down bound into the roaring flames.

Men on Fire will not be influenced. (vv.24-30)

Dan 3:24 But suddenly, as he was watching, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisors, “Didn’t we throw three men into the furnace?” “Yes,” they said, “we did indeed, Your Majesty.”

Dan 3:25 “Well, look!” Nebuchadnezzar shouted. “I see *four* men, unbound, walking around in the fire, and they aren’t even hurt by the flames! And the fourth looks like a god!”

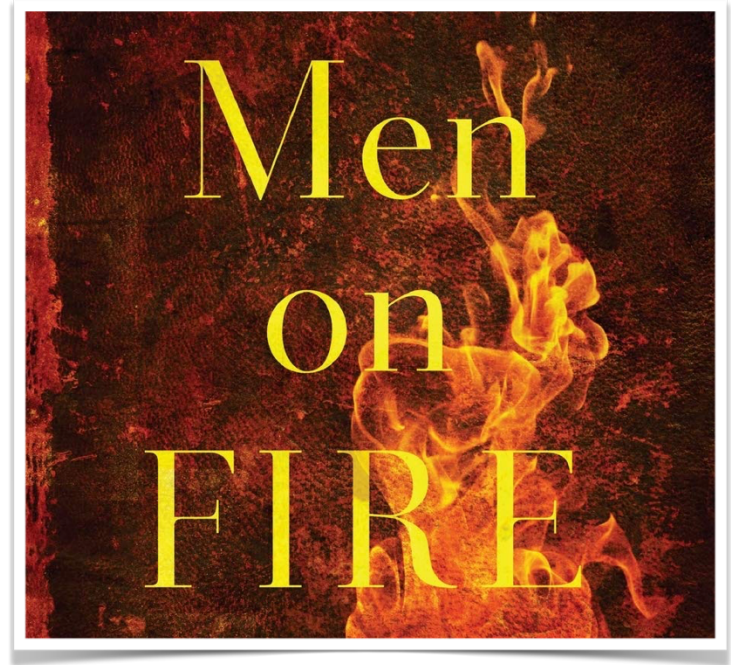
Dan 3:26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the open door of the flaming furnace and yelled: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God! Come out! Come here!” So they stepped out of the fire.

Dan 3:27 Then the princes, governors, captains, and counselors crowded around them and saw that the fire hadn’t touched them—not a hair of their heads was singed; their coats were unscorched, and they didn’t even smell of smoke!

Dan 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, for he sent his angel to deliver his trusting servants when they defied the king’s commandment and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own.

Dan 3:29 Therefore, I make this decree, that any person of any nation, language, or religion who speaks a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb and his house knocked into a heap of rubble. For no other God can do what this one does.”

Dan 3:30 Then the king gave promotions to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so that they prospered greatly there in the province of Babylon.



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