

Lesson 3

God Delivers From the Fiery Furnace

Daniel 3

Begin today's lesson asking the Holy Spirit to illumine your mind and to teach you His precepts.

Before you start our questions for this week, read through all of Daniel 3.

1. From Daniel 2:46-49, what positions of authority did Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego hold?
2. According to the dictionary, what is a satrap?
3. What specific Biblical commandment(s) did the decree of Nebuchadnezzar violate? See Exodus 20.
4. Ezekiel was a prophet and contemporary of Daniel. In Ezekiel 6:1-9 he discusses idolatry. Discuss what you learn about God's view of idolatry from this passage.
5. Did the three Hebrew men have any time to consider their positions regarding whether they would bow to the statue? Do you think they needed time? Discuss.

*"Who is like You among
the gods, O LORD?
Who is like You,
majestic in holiness,
Awesome in praises,
working wonders?"*

Exodus 15:11

6. Revelation 13 tells of a future time when the whole world will be required to worship one who is not God. We will discuss this period of time at great length later, but for now, read Revelation 13 and consider the dilemma presented. What would you do?

7. Circle the word worship every time it is mentioned in Daniel 3. Discuss why you think this word is emphasized so much in this chapter.

8. Who is the Father seeking according to Jesus in John 4:23?

9. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego are presented with the choice: obey God or obey man. This is a huge dilemma. Think about the following scriptures and discuss what you learn:
 - ❖ Exodus 1:15-22

 - ❖ Acts 4:18-20, 5:27-32

 - ❖ Romans 13:1-7

 - ❖ 1 Peter 2:13-15

10. Was God obligated to save Daniel's three friends because of their obedience to Him?

11. Describe the scene in Daniel 3:19-27, giving details you find interesting. Who do you think was the fourth man in the fiery furnace?

12. List the ways that God "caused all things to work together for good" (Romans 8:28) through this fiery trial. See Daniel 3:28-30.

13. We are not sure exactly when the events of chapter 3 occurred, but it was sometime between 603 and 562 B.C. Find it on the timeline on page 77 and add the details of the event.

14. As you look back over this lesson about Daniel 3, what do you want to remember?

15. Consider the following scriptures and meditate on them using the prayer exercise that is explained on page 81.

❖ Scriptures: **Romans 8:35, 37-39**

❖ Word or phrase:

❖ Amplification:

❖ Invitation:

Lecture Notes: