

## IN SOVEREIGN HANDS

DANIEL: GOD'S REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS GENERATION

PART 5

DOES YOUR FAITH FUNCTION IN THE FURNACE OF ADVERSITY?

*A Faith that Can Stand the Heat*

(Daniel 3:1-30)

### INTRODUCTION:

*"...who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire,..."*

—Hebrews 11:32f.

### THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY:

- God is working...

### THE STORY AND ITS NARRATION: A \_\_\_\_\_

- A Clash of Worldviews and Worship

#### 1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-7)

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1-3)

*"Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon."*

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-6)

*"Then the herald loudly proclaimed: 'To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language, that at the moment you hear the sound... you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up...'"*

3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7)

*"Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound... [they] fell down and worshiped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up."*

#### 2A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF DANIEL'S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-18)

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-12)

*"...certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews..."*

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-15)

*"...if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands? (v. 14)*

3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16-18)

"Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.'"

3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19-30)

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King (v. 19-23)

"Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath..."

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King (v. 24-25)

"Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste..."

3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King (v. 26-30)

"Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him... there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way...'"

THE STORY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS: TAKING A \_\_\_\_\_

FOUR MARKS OF THE PERSON WHOSE FAITH FUNCTIONS IN THE FURNACE,...

1. He will be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

"If it be so, our God whom we serve..." (v. 17a)

2. He will be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king." (v. 17b)

3. He will be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

"But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up" (v. 18)

4. He will be \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

"...I see four men loosed an walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!" (v. 25)



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When good seed finds good soil lives change.

Grow. Give. Go.