

Title: The Choice

Date: 8/15/21

Text: Daniel 3:1-4:3

Main Idea: Worship and trust the King who can rescue you.

Purpose: To exhort people to worship and trust in Jesus, the only King worthy and the only King who can save. To encourage believers to worship and trust Jesus even when it is risky.

Structure: Deductive

1. An egotistical king who requires people to worship him (vv. 3:1-15)

Read vv. 1-7

Exodus 20:3-5 - "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God."

Read vv. 8-15

Read vv. 3:16-4:3

2. An everlasting King who rescues people who trust in Him (vv. 3:16-4:3)

Isaiah 43:2 - When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

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Romans 8:31-39 - ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up

for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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