

## With God

### Part 1

“You will make it through the Fire”

#### Matthew 19

**25** When His disciples heard *it*, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?”

**26** But Jesus looked at *them* and said to them, “With men this is impossible, **but with God all things are possible.**”

#### Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. **2** He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up...

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**4** Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: **5** As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. **6** Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

**7** Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

**8** At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. **9** They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “May the king live forever!...

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**12** But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

**13** Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, **14** and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?

**15** Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

**16** Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, **we do not need to defend ourselves** before you in this matter. **17** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God we serve is able** to deliver us from it, and **he will deliver us** from Your Majesty’s hand. **18 But even if he does not**, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

### **Vs. 1**

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image...

It was 90’ tall and 9’ wide...

It was made of Gold...

They dedicated it...

They sang songs about it...

Everybody was impressed with it...

Everybody bowed down to it...

Except for 3 Hebrew boys...

These 3 Hebrew boys were not moved...

These 3 Hebrew boys got the memo and decided they would not bow because they could not bow to anything other than the true and living God...

- It's amazing how history repeats itself over and over
- There has been and will be people with such a desire for control that they exalt themselves to be like God.
- The Bible says there will be another who is called the Anti-Christ who will do the same.
- I pray that believers will have an unwavering devotion to Christ like the 3 Hebrew boys.
- The early Church had a spirit like that; they would not offer a pinch of incense to Caesar or call him Lord...

### **When Confronted by Nebuchadnezzar:**

#### **1. They spoke to the king with respect**

“King Nebuchadnezzar”

“Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods”

#### **2. They did not defend themselves**

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew somehow, somehow God would defend them. They believed that God would somehow defend them and bring justice.

### **Romans 12:**

18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.

#### **3. They Trusted God as their deliver**

##### **Vs. 17**

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God we serve is able to deliver us**

There comes a point when faith kicks in and you don't know how, you just know he will...

That with God you will make it through...

That with God he has a plan...

That with God he has a place for you...

Even as God provided for Elijah at the brook he will also provide for you...

#### **4. They Trusted God with the Outcome**

##### **Vs. 18**

**But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."**

**19** Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual **20** and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.

**21** So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. **22** The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, **23** and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

**24** Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

**25** He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

**26** Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire,

**28** Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

- They Stood together
- It wasn’t just one or two but all three Stood together in their resolve to only worship God and not bow to any idol...

God’s Deliverance was special as these 3 boys stood together for the Lord...

How many other passages of Scripture do you know of where God’s deliverance was like this?

God delivered Daniel from the lions den.... but not like this...

God delivered Joseph from the pit... but not like this...

- How about God’s deliverance with Israel? They stood together as a nation and God’s presence was a cloud by day and a fire by night...
- The believers in Acts 4 prayed together and place was shaken...
- Acts 16 Paul and Silas in prison Philippi the place was shaken...
- With God you’re gonna make it through the Fire...
- God’s Deliverance will be powerful as you stand together in the Lord...
  
- Jesus called the disciples individually
- They walked with him corporately
- He sent them out in pairs

## **5. They made it through the Fire**

## **2 Timothy 3** NIV

**10** You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, **11** persecutions, sufferings — what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. **Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.**

### **Closing:**

#### **When Confronted by Nebuchadnezzar:**

- 1. They spoke with Honor**
- 2. They did not defend themselves**
- 3. They Trusted God as their deliver**
- 4. They Stood Together**
- 5. They made it through the Fire**

#### **With God - You're gonna make it through the Fire**

#### **Isaiah 43:2-3**

**2**  
When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you;  
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.  
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,  
Nor shall the flame scorch you.

**3**  
For I *am* the Lord your God,  
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

#### **Prayer:**

Lord give your church the kind of resolve that these 3 hebrews boys had...

We will not bow to things of this world...

We will trust you as our Deliverer...

Even if you don't deliver us we will stand together for the Lord...

Lord I pray for courage...

Lord I pray for hope to rise up in the hearts of believers...

Lord I pray we would be reminded... With God All things are Possible  
and with God we will make it through the Fire...