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STRENGTH TO STAND FIRM

DANIEL 3:1-30



DANIEL 3:16-18

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DANIEL 3:16-18 (CONT)

“But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”





THE PRESSURE

TO BOW THE

KNEE



ISAIAH 42:8

I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.





DANIEL 3:4-6

And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up."



DANIEL 3:4-6 (CONT)

“And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.”



**ARE THERE THINGS WE DO IN OUR
LIVES THAT ARE WORTH A BRIEF
MOMENT OF BLASPHEMY?**





ROMANS 1:25

...because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.





DANIEL 3:14-15

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music,"



DANIEL 3:14-15 (CONT)

“...to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”



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THEY KNEW THAT

GOD WAS

SOVEREIGN



DANIEL 3:17

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THEY KNEW GOD'S WORD



EXODUS 20:2-5a

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 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.”



EXODUS 20:2-5a (CONT)

“You shall not bow down to them or serve them,
for I the LORD your God am a jealous God,”





*“Only the Word of God cuts through
such ambiguity.”*

DR. JAMES MONTGOMERY BOICE

(1938-2000)





THEY WERE

WILLING TO DIE

TO SELF



DANIEL 3:17-18

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MATTHEW 16:24-25

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”





**THE GOSPEL
ACCORDING TO
THE FOURTH MAN**



DANIEL 3:19-25

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,



DANIEL 3:19-25 (CONT)

...and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up...



DANIEL 3:19-25 (CONT)

...Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king."



DANIEL 3:19-25 (CONT)

He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."





MATTHEW 28:18, 20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

“And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



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