## May we stand please...

**Scripture Reading:** Daniel 6:18-23

**Key Verse**: V. 20

#### Prayer:

## Subject:

"Is Thy God Able to Deliver Thee?"

#### **Introduction:**

Scripture story: The king's decree, <u>6:7-8</u>; Daniel prayed, <u>6:10</u>; cast into the lion's den, <u>6:16</u>.

*Is thy God able to deliver thee?* 

This is an important question—a question <u>everyone</u> should face seriously.

Everyone has a god, but many of the gods do not have the power to help in time of need.

# I. SOME SERVE THE GOD OF MATERIAL WEALTH.

- 1. The Rich Fool, <u>Luke 12:16-20</u>—ruler...
- 2. Those who depend solely upon the material...

- (a) The person who serves the god of materialism never thinks of others—only of self...
- o (b) He has a false concept of real happiness...
- (c) He has a blind concept of the future...
   "Thy soul shall be required of thee... then whose shall these things be?"

#### II. SOME SERVE THE GOD OF FORMAL RELIGION.

<u>II Tim. 3:5</u>, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof"...

- 1. Formalism offers beauty, but no peace... Pageantry—ceremony—no inner peace...
- 2. Religion—but no salvation...
  - o (a) "Ye must be born again"...
  - o (b) "Christ in you, the hope of glory"...
  - o (c) "As many as receive him"...

### III. SOME SERVE THE GOD OF FLESHLY DESIRE.

<u>II Tim. 4:10</u>, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world"...

- 1. Those who serve the God of fleshly desire do not know the value of real Christian friendship...
- 2. They forsake the best friends they ever had...
  "Jesus is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother"...

#### IV. SOME SERVE THE GOD OF THE FEAR OF MAN.

Matt. 10:28, "Fear not him which is able to destroy the body...

- 1. Fear of what others will think...
- 2. Fear of what others will say...
- 3. Fear of man will rob you of blessings...
- 4. Fear of man will put in bondage to the will of others...
- 5. Do not fear man—for God will bring him to light and judgment...

## V. SOME SERVE THE GOD OF GLORY.

Job 13:15, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him!"

- 1. Serving the God of glory brings peace and contentment...
- 2. Strength in time of temptation...
- 3. Hope in the hours of darkness...
- 4. Deliverance in the hour of trial...
- 5. Grace to pray for your wayward friends...
- 6. Brightens the valley when you face death, <u>II Tim. 4:6-8...</u>

## 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV)

- <sup>6</sup> For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
- <sup>7</sup> I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:
- <sup>8</sup> Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**Conclusion**: Is thy God able to deliver thee?

The Lord will deliver you through Jesus Christ...

- 1. From sin and condemnation when you receive Him...
- 2. From the power of sin when you follow Him...

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