

Even If.....

Daniel 3

We live in a fallen
world



The story of Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah



Better known as
Shadrach,
Meshack and
Abednego



They were commanded by man to bow

Daniel 3:4-6

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.”

They could have easily justified
taking a knee

You don't have to be evil,
Satan is perfectly fine with just
your compliance



The question:

“Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

Daniel 3:15

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?”



The reply

Daniel 3:16-18

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.”



Two powerful words:

“Even if...”



The rest of the
story...



Lessons from Daniel 3

Refusing to bow may or may not save others, but it
will open their heart

You may suffer for a moment, but it all works out
in the end

We will not save the world by becoming like the
world



Whom do you fear?

Matthew 10:28

²⁸ Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.



Chose this day

Joshua 24:15

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

