

Daniel 3 – Being Faithful Witnesses: Facing a Fiery Furnace

Forerunner Lifestyle of Faithfulness Even Unto Death!

We see the dedication of young people who were tested by fire when they refused to compromise. Daniel's three friends refused to worship before Nebuchadnezzar's statue, even when threatened with death. God delivered them from the fiery furnace.

These men were no longer teens. They now held places of authority in the government. In other words, they took a stand for Jesus in the marketplace knowing it might cost them their jobs, their careers, or even their lives. God supernaturally intervened on their behalf, delivering them from the crisis—a fiery furnace.

You may never face a literal furnace with fire, but you may face a fiery furnace of very difficult situations caused by taking a stand as a faithful witness for Jesus. The Lord is calling His people to be faithful witnesses, with great allegiance to Jesus' heart for the Church, Israel, and the nations. Our witness for truth must be clear, bold, fearless, and tender. God is raising up those who will be faithful witnesses to the truth (Rev. 12:11, 17; 19:10; 20:4).

“And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy...”

Revelation 11:3

“They overcame him [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death... The dragon... went to make war with... [those] who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.”

Revelation 12:11, 17

Where was Daniel? Did he bow down? In all likelihood, Daniel was in another major city on official business. Daniel had been promoted to the position of chief administrator for the king (2:49). Daniel was familiar enough with Susa, the capital of the Elamites, that he could identify it in his vision a few years later (8:2). This suggests that he had spent a significant amount of time there. Presumably he was in Susa or some other foreign capital when this event occurred.

It is sobering to know that there were men like Daniel and the Hebrew boys standing for their faith. Unafraid of being thrown into the furnace heated 7 times more? How were they able to defy such a fate? Faith opened the way for their God, our God, to come to their rescue!

Jesus met them in the furnace and rescued them. With this, Nebuchadnezzar was convinced to believe in the God of the 3 Hebrew boys. How about you? How about me!?

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Prayer:

Father, give us this boldness that was in the 3 Hebrew boys! How they defied the heated furnace because they trusted you! Give us that kind of courage! Thank you for loving these boys, for saving them in the midst of intense fire.