



## **FAITH UNDER FIRE — Daniel 3**

In Daniel 3, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego face the fiery furnace for refusing to bow to a golden idol. Their stand invites us to remember that while faith is tested, **God's presence sustains us in the fire.**

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### **I. A GOLD GOD (3:1–7)**

- Nebuchadnezzar sets up a massive image of gold, calling all to worship it.
- This mirrors our culture's pressure to conform and idolize what is not of God.
- The story reflects the danger of compromising true worship for the sake of fitting in.

### **Romans 12:2 (ESV)**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...

### **Romans 12:2 (The Message)**

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking...

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### **II. NO COMPROMISE (3:8–23)**

- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow, even under threat of death.
- Their faith is unshaken, showing us what it means to stand firm for righteousness.

### **2 Timothy 3:12**

All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

### **1 Peter 4:12-13, 16**

Do not be surprised at the fiery trial... If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed...

**Luke 9:23-24**

“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

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**III. ANOTHER IN THE FIRE (3:24–30)**

- The men are thrown into the fire bound—but are seen walking free with a fourth figure.
- God does not always save us from the fire, but He is always with us in it.

**Isaiah 43:2**

“When you walk through fire you shall not be burned...”

**1 Peter 1:6-7**

...you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith... may result in praise and glory.

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**Conclusion & Encouragement**

- Nebuchadnezzar acknowledges God's power but doesn't yet confess Him personally.
- The three men stood firm for 20 years in Babylon—and remained faithful in a changing world.
- We are called to do the same today.

**Hymn Refrain:**

Some through the waters, some through the flood,  
Some through the fire, but all through the blood...

**Quote from Victor Frankl:**

“He who has a 'why' to live can bear almost any 'how.'”

**Stand strong. God is with you.**