**Faith in the Fire**

**Daniel Chapter 3 - Lesson #4**

**Last week we completed looking at Nebuchadnezzar’s dream as well as Daniel’s interpretation.**

**Today we come to the fiery furnace. We have heard it said that the world is looking for men who demonstrate courage under fire. This morning we will meet three who demonstrate courage “in the fire!”**

Pastor Zach in his sermon on Daniel chapter 3: *“Honestly, Today’s sermon, the chapter, it is one of the most important that you will have ever heard from my lips, the sermon I give you today. Second only to, just explaining the gospel, the truth of the gospel. As a believer in our culture, this an incredibly, vitally important word that we will be looking at today.”*

**Today we will see something extremely overt that happens in our life (all the time) but much more covertly. It is a type of experience that we all go through on a regular basis.**

***“1 King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 3 Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4 And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5 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. 6 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." 7 Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.***

**Vs 1 -** We see that Nebuchadnezzar, builds this massive image (probably) of Himself (at least 90 feet tall). If it is the royal Egyptian cubit that we should be using (20.6 in) then it would be 103 feet high rough 10 feet wide.

We are not sure where the plain of Dura is located, but it is within the **district of Babylon.** Equally the word Dura literally means “dwelling” so it may have been very close or even in the city walls.

**Vs 2-3 -** He gathers together all the satraps (princes), the prefects (administrators), and the governors (governor or captain), the counselors (counselor or judge), the treasurers, the justices (judges or lawyer), the magistrates, and all the officials (rulers) of the provinces

**Nebuchadnezzar gathered together anyone who was anybody (from the provinces) in his kingdom at it related to laws and leadership, to the “dedication” of the image.**

You can picture this in your mind, hundreds upon hundreds (maybe thousands) of people standing before the image.

**Vs 4-6** - We see the herald make the declaration of what the people are commanded to do when they hear the music, namely fall down and worship the golden image.

This is what Satan wanted from Christ. It seems, this is always what Satan wants!

Now I imagine the music was probably very nice, a **“symphony”** of all kinds of instruments, when it plays… **YOU SHALL FALL DOWN AND WORSHIP THE IMAGE!**

**Vs 6 –** we see the penalty for those who refuse to fall down and worship, cast into a fiery furnace.

**Vs 7 -** The moment they heard the symphony start up, it appears that everyone fell down, during the symphony, and worshipped the image. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***8 ¶ Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. 9 They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! 10 You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. 11 And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."***

**Vs 8** - We see that some Jews are accused of not obeying, in particular Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego who are charged with this treasonous behavior.

The Aramaic word for maliciously accursed – is a compound word comprised of the word to **denounce or slander** and the word to **chew up.**

We have every reason to believe that most of the wise men hated these Johnny come lately’ s from Judah. If you remember:

*“Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king’s court.” (Da 2:49 ESV)*

**Vs 9-12** - We see these Chaldeans come to King Nebuchadnezzar and lay the charges against these three young men:

**Vs 12** - **“Certain Jews”** whom you set over the affairs of the providence:

1. Have not paid due regard or attention to you
2. They do not serve your gods
3. They do not worship the gold image that you set up

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***13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. 14 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? 15 Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, 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?"***

Here we see some of the qualities we saw in Nebuchadnezzar in chapter 2:

1. **Insecurity**
2. **Hostility and Rage**

**Vs 13** – Nebuchadnezzar, in **rage and fury**, gave the command to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

**Why do you think he was enraged and furious?**

**Vs 14** – Let’s look at what Nebuchadnezzar asks these three: ***“Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the gold image which I have set up?”***

A direct question about who they worship! A direct question to men who have been submissive to Nebuchadnezzar yet have also worshipped their God. **Already, the heat is on.**

**Vs 15** - In spite of his rage he gives them a chance to fall in line, a chance to be obedient. He is not concerned about how many or which gods they worship, only that they worship the statue.

Vs 15b - ***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?"***

**Before we move on remember, just last chapter:**

*Dan 2:47 “The king answered Daniel, and said, “Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret.””*

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***16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 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."***

**Vs 16** - The response: we have no need to answer you in this matter **is code for, we will obey our God, this is an easy question, with an obvious answer.**

**Vs 17** - Your threats mean nothing. ***Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.*** We have faith in our God.

**Vs 18** **– We will not fall down!**

These three teenagers or young men do all that they can to follow God and avoid confrontation (a good lesson for us), but when a confrontation overtakes them, we see three humble servants of Yehwey who are bold in their faith and trust in God!

It is not, we serve a God who always does what we demand. Quite the opposite! It is more like Job’s faith:

*“And he said, "Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."” (Job 1:21 ESV)*

*“Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.” (Job 13:15 ESV)*

**He can deliver. If he does or does not is his choice, but we will serve Him!**

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***19 ¶ 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. 20 And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 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. 22 Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.***

It appears that this furnace has a top and a side opening.

**VS 19 –** Nebuchadnezzar is **“full of fury”** or **filled with rage**, his expression changes toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego. In an uncontrollable, unreasonable rage he orders the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated.

**Vs 20 –** He commanded some ***“mighty men”*** men who were in his army (strong and capable warriors) to bind ***Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, and cast them into the burning fiery furnace.***

**Vs 21-** We can imagine they may still be in their festive garments, having been called to the special event.

**Vs 22** - Because the king’s order was urgent and the furnace was overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

Nebuchadnezzar’s rage and fury has cost the life of faithful soldiers who served in his army, but I suspect he could care less.

**Vs 23** - And these three teenagers, bound, fall headlong into the furnace!

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***24 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." 25 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."***

**Vs 24** – The king was astonished (**alarmed** or **startled**). He is apparently seated, and he rises up. He then speaks to his counselors.

This is the first time this Aramaic word has been used, these must be some type of palace counselor **הדבר (Aramaic) *had-daw-bawr’***

He states: ***"Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?"*** They reply- ***“True, O king.”***

**Vs 25 –** The King speaks again. ***"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."***

**Now gallons of ink have been spilt** on the question, is this a Christophany or did God send an angel? First, I believe it is Christophany. This pagan king said it was one “like the son of God” **“bar (son) el-aw (God).”** But I must confess in just a few verses he is going to call it an angel. Debating the identity misses the point. **God protected his servants in the fire!**

*Is 43:2-4 When you pass through the waters,* ***I will be with you****; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.* ***3*** *For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.* ***4*** *Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people for your life.*

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***26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. 27 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.***

**Vs 26** – **This becomes almost comical.** Then Nebuchadnezzar comes to the entry of the furnace and says - servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!"

**Vs 27 -** You can imagine, the **whispers and the amazement** and the words of these three men ringing in their ears: **vs 17 -** ***our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand.***

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***28 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king’s command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. 29 Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way." 30 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.”***

**Vs 28** - Notice Nebuchadnezzar… Before we dive into what is recorded, I believe He is **amazed about two things**:

1. Yehwey’s power
2. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s faith!

Ok, Nebuchadnezzar’s points:

1. Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego
2. The God who sent his angel to deliver His servants **“who trusted in him”**
3. These men, who trusted in God
	1. frustrated the king’s word
	2. yielded their bodies
	3. that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God!

**Vs 29 –** Seeing God’s awesome power and these young men’s amazing faith:

1. Makes a decree.
2. Threatens punishment to anyone who so much as speaks against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

This tearing limb-from-limb and converting houses to dunghills must have been a go-to threat for Nebuchadnezzar.

Now at this point, surely Nebuchadnezzar has seen the error or his ways! Surely at this point he has finally placed faith in the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

But as we will see this is a pagan king acknowledging the amazing power of God. **But yet, one whose heart remains far from this amazing God.**

**Vs 30 -** ***Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.***

So, they were prominent, and that brought frustration to the other leaders and now they are promoted even further.

**What an amazing event, behind enemy lines!**

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**Thoughts and Applications:**

First, God stands with his people in their troubles (Is 43:2-4). This is amazing and brings great comfort. As we walk into our own fiery trials, we will find Jesus is already there waiting for us in the furnace.

Second, this event reminds us that there was a greater King, this King had decreed that those who do not follow His laws perfectly, will suffer an eternity under His wrath (a place where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched). This King was holy and just and His laws were all together right. This story reminds us that Jesus took our place; Jesus bore the wrath of the Father against us. In this case he did not join us in the furnace, but instead stepped into the fiery furnace of God’s wrath in our place!

Third, here on the plains of Dura we see three kinds of faith on display:

1. Credulous faith
2. Cowardly faith
3. Courageous faith

The first type of faith we see is a **credulous faith**. This willingness to believe anything is manifested in the reality that hundreds, possibly even thousands were willing, without so much as a word of objection fall down and “worship” Nebuchadnezzar’s statue. A credulous faith.

The second type of faith, although not as obvious at first glance is a **cowardly faith**. We can be certain, that among the hundreds and possibly even thousands on the plains of Dura that day there were other Jews who had been deported from Judah to Babylon and were now in some form of leadership in the province. These would have known to fall down to an idol is forbidden by God, but going along to get along, they fell down with the others. A cowardly faith.

The third type of faith is the type of faith that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego exhibited. This type of faith is a **courageous faith**. First, in spite of what all the others did and understanding the penalty, they remained courageously faithful to their God. Second, what they tell the King highlights their courage: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.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” (Dan 3:16-18; ESV).

May we daily exhibit a courageous faith in our great Savior!

Forth, notice in this story, there is a counterfeit gospel that has all the trappings of the true gospel:

1. There is a false God – Nebuchadnezzar
2. False herald – the one who proclaims on behalf of this false God
3. False church – All who participate in worship
4. False Commands – with a measure of wrath attached to it
5. False worship – the statue
6. False penalty – Burned to dust

We need to ensure we do not follow any false gods, with false heralds, with false demands (often greater demands than even God himself).

**Jesus in Daniel Chapter 3:**

This one is easy… Jesus is the one in the fiery furnace, He is the one “like the son of God” who is there in our trial. **This makes Jesus very easy to find in our text!**

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