

Unburned and Unbowed

Daniel 3:8-30 NASB

1. The Accusation (8-12)

- Some Chaldeans accused Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego for not **bowing** down in worship to King Nebuchadnezzar.
- Notice the repetition of the command to **worship**.

2. The Anger of the King (13-15)

- The king is furious upon hearing the **accusation** and seeks clarification.
- The king believes their God is not **worthy** to bow down to as much as himself.

3. The Affirmation of Devotion (16-18)

- These three men affirm their **devotion** to their God. (No need to answer you)
- They recognize the capacity of their God and also that He is in **control**. (Matthew 26:39)

4. The Fiery Furnace (19-23)

- At the denial from the three men the king becomes angry and **commands** the furnace to be increased seven times hotter.
- The scene becomes **chaotic**, and Nebuchadnezzar's men are burned up.

5. The Appearance in the Fire (24-27)

- The king is **astonished** that there are four men freely moving about in the furnace.
- The king witnesses that they are **free** from harm.

6. The Announcement of Adoration (28-30)

- The king **acknowledges** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's God.
- The king made a decree that their God would be **worshipped**.

Connection to Christ

Just as Christ was present with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abenego, so is Christ with you and me. Jesus saves His children from a greater fire which is eternal separation from God. Col. 1:13-14

Main Idea

Because God can rescue His people from any situation, remain **faithful** to Him despite the potential consequences.

Application

- Stand Firm
- Trust God
- Be a Witness

How are you going to respond?

No matter where you are, the question is the same: Will you place your trust in the God who walks through the fire with His people? Will you step into His protection and stand firm?