

***Daniel 3:19-30*****MONDAY: Read Daniel 3**

What ideas, truths or concepts are most impressive to you in this chapter? *Pray that you (& we) learn to view life's episodes as "Faith-building exercises" with God so that we learn to TRUST Him!*

**TUESDAY: Read Daniel 3:19-30**

How many of the four themes are referenced (*Sovereignty of God, God is Triumphant, God's kingdom is Eternal, or God's people are His regents first*)? How might you account for this kind of courage and devotion to God? What kind of writing is this – narrative or prophetic? Do we interpret literally or symbolically? *Ask the Spirit for this kind of courage to stand as God's regents in the world this week!*

**WEDNESDAY: Read Daniel 3:19-23**

How long do you think it might have taken to heat this furnace seven-times as hot? What do you think Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego might have been thinking during this time frame? Look back to 3:16-18 – What about their confident response resonates with you? How do we know the fire was real? *Ask Spirit to help you exercise His will over yours in your life so that you choose to prove His goodness.*

**THURSDAY: Read Daniel 3:24-27**

What do you think amazes the king most: that Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego are walking around in the fire or the fourth "man"? Who is this fourth "man"? How is He referred to later in the narrative (v.28)? What could you conclude about Jesus as His people face trials & punishment for their faith? *Spend time thanking Jesus for embracing us in His life and walking us through every trial, every day.*

**FRIDAY: Read Daniel 3:28-30**

What part(s) of the king's declaration is most critical to you? Does the king come to faith in Yahweh or not? Explain your response. *Pray that you (we) will learn to depend/rely on God first & foremost in every circumstance in order to freely give Him all the glory for good!*

**SATURDAY: Read Daniel 3**

In what ways do you understand this episode better because of your study? Ask the Spirit to teach you the answers you still need. *Ask Spirit to help you memorize the most significant scripture to you.*

*(Use your own Bible & this New Living Translation for comparison, study, & better understanding)*

### **DANIEL 3:19-30 (NLT)**

#### ***The Blazing Furnace***

**19)** Nebuchadnezzar was so furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face became distorted with rage. He commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual. **20)** Then he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. **21)** So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments. **22)** And because the king, in his anger, had demanded such a hot fire in the furnace, the flames killed the soldiers as they threw the three men in. **23)** So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, securely tied, fell into the roaring flames.

**24)** But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, “Didn’t we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?” “Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did,” they replied. **25)** “Look!” Nebuchadnezzar shouted. “I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!” **26)** Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. **27)** Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn’t even smell of smoke!

**28)** Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. **29)** Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!” **30)** Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon.