

Studies In The Book Of Daniel ***“The Resolute Man”***

Lesson 5

Read Daniel 3:1 – 18

Introduction: In this chapter we see three brave young men who would not compromise their faith, even if it meant death. They were literally facing a fiery trial and all they had to do was to compromise. They could of easily said ‘we’re too young to die, let’s live to fight another day.’ Instead they said, **WE WILL NOT BOW DOWN!** They believed God was able to deliver. Christian writer Graham Scroggie once said, “Compromise prompts us to be silent when we ought to speak up for fear of offending; it prompts us to praise when it is not deserved to keep people our friends; and it prompts us to tolerate sin and not speak out, because to do so might give us enemies.” May God help us to be men who will not compromise but stand strong with a resolute heart.

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1. It is interesting that in the previous chapter Daniel had told King Nebuchadnezzar that he was the head of gold in his dream. Apparently, the king wanted to be made entirely of gold. Why do you think the king made a self-image and demanded all people and nations to fall down and worship the image? Was it something Daniel had said previously?
 - What does Exodus 20:3 – 6 and Deuteronomy 5:7 – 9 say about bowing down to a *carved image*?
 - What did Jesus say to Satan in Luke 4:5 – 8?

2. How will the Antichrist be similar to King Nebuchadnezzar according to 2 Thessalonians 2: 4 and Revelation 13: 4?

- What does God say to you in Deuteronomy 6:13–14 and Deuteronomy 10:20 – 21?

3. According to Daniel 3:8 who informed the King about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's intentions?

- What did they say to the king according to Daniel 3: 12?

- According to Daniel 3:13 what was King Nebuchadnezzar's reaction?

4. Why do you think King Nebuchadnezzar wanted to question these young men one last time?
 - According to Daniel 3:14 – 15? What did the king ask them and what did he threaten to do if they did do obey?
 - What does the last sentence say at the end of verse 15?

5. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego say to King Nebuchadnezzar according to Daniel 3: 16 – 18?
 - Write out Daniel 3: 17:
 - What promise do we have according to 2 Corinthians 1: 9 – 10?

6. Have you ever been in a situation where standing for your faith would take you out of your boss' favor or even lead to your termination?
 - Has the enemy ever heated things up in your life that you felt you were being thrown into the midst of a fiery trial? How did you react?