

On Fire For God

Daniel 3:1-30

Lesson 3 of “Daniel: Taming Life’s Lions”

Daniel chapter 3, a very familiar story about the three Hebrew children and the burning fiery furnace provides us with the answer.

So as we work our way through this chapter verse by verse we are going to learn what we need to do when our faith, our allegiance is put to the test. We are going to learn what we need to do so that we will come out victorious.

So what does this passage teach us we need to do when we our faith and allegiance to the Lord is put to the test?

This passage teaches us first, that we need to...

I. SAY NO WHEN _____ COMES. (v. 1-12)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego illustrate for us that when our faith and our allegiance to the Lord is tested that we must learn to do. They said no. How do we do that? How do we learn to say no when temptation comes? We do that first by...

1. _____ ... we will be tempted.

Secondly we learn to say no when temptation comes by...

2. _____... what our temptation is.

Every temptation can be boiled down to this. What is temptation?

- **Temptation is a test of our _____ to the Lord.**

It is quite remarkable that these three young men made the decision to say no to this temptation. They could have been swayed to give in by the desire for...

1) **Acceptance by their _____**

They could have been swayed by the desire of...

2) **Advancement in their _____**

And obviously they could have been swayed by the desire for the....

3) **Avoidance of _____**

Thirdly we learn to say no when temptation comes by...

3. _____... to honor the Lord regardless of the price.

In this story we learn a second thing we must do when our faith and allegiance to the Lord is tested. We must...

II. STAND FIRM WHEN _____ COMES. (v. 13-30)

By virtue of their decision not to yield to temptation Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego placed themselves in a great deal of trouble. So when we find ourselves in such trouble, we need to determine to stand firm. How can we stand firm when under fire? The example in our text encourages us to...

1. Remain _____ ... because God is in control. (v. 13-15)

Every Christian needs to learn that trouble does not come into our lives by chance. God always has a reason for allowing trouble into the lives of His followers. For example...

1) God sometimes allows us to have trouble to _____ us.

2) God sometimes allows us to have trouble to _____ us.

3) God sometimes allows us to have trouble to _____ us.

Notice secondly, that this text encourages us to remain calm when we find ourselves under the fire of trouble, but also it encourages us to...

2. Remain _____ ... because God's power is greater than any problem. (v. 16-18)

How do we stand firm when trouble comes? Our text thirdly encourages us to...

3. Remain _____ ... because the Lord will see us through. (v. 19-26)

Note that in the midst of this fiery trial what Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego experienced. (And by the way... every Christian can experience these things in times of trial.) First we see that...

1) They experienced the Lord's _____ (24-25)

Not only did they experience the Lord's Presence but we see also that...

2) They experienced the Lord's _____ (26-27)

Finally note that...

3) They experienced the Lord's _____ (28-30)

As we conclude let's not leave with the mindset, this is a great story, no, let's leave with the mindset that we have a great God. If we will see God in that light, it will help us to say no when temptation comes and it will help us to stand firm when trouble comes.