

Daniel
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –07/21/25

Daniel – Lesson 4
Daniel 3:1-30

1. Read Daniel 3:1-7. As chapter 3 opens, how is the faith of Daniel's three friends tested? Why do you think Nebuchadnezzar would build this image, summon all his administrators to its dedication and demand that all the people publically bow down and worship it or face death?
2. Read Daniel 3:8-12. What motivation is suggested for the astrologers' betrayal of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? What accusations did they raise against them? Why? Were they true?
3. Read Daniel 3:13-15. How did Nebuchadnezzar respond? What tempting option did he give them? What wrong assumption did he make?
4. Read Daniel 3:16-18. What choice did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego make? Why? (Exodus 20:1-6) What did they know to be true about God that enabled them to stand firm?
5. We know God's power transcends death. Yet, He saves or heals some and not others. How are we to view God in spite of the outcome?
6. Read Daniel 3:19-27. Who died? Who did not? What was God proving to Nebuchadnezzar?
7. Who do you think was the fourth man in the furnace with them? God could have saved them by simply putting out the fire. Why do you think he chose this way? What lessons are here for us too?
8. Read Daniel 3:28-30. What impact did their miraculous deliverance have on Nebuchadnezzar?
9. How can this chapter help us live as Christians in a non-Christian world where we also face idolatry and are tempted to go along with the crowd? Where do we find the strength to stand up for what we believe?