



# DANIEL

## Chapter 3:1-30

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## Chapter 3

# Fiery furnace and a fiery faith

# CH 3 - Outline

- Dedication ceremony V 1-3
- The decree commanded V 4 -7
- The devious conspiracy V 8-12
- Direct confrontation V 13- 18
- The great courage V 16-18
- Divine conservation V 19-30

- Definition of "Integrity" is , *"You are consistent in your decision even when the circumstances under which the decisions made were changed"*.

# *Athanasius* - one of the church fathers.

- *" The emperors are against you, the Bishop is against you, the churches are against you and the whole world is against you! Then Athanasius replied, " I am against the whole world".*
- A little phrase was formed out of these about Athanasius and became famous in the early church, "*Athanasius against the whole World*".

# Words of Studdert-Kennedy

- *“The first prayer I want my son to learn to say for me is not ‘God keep Daddy safe’ but ‘God make Daddy brave, and if he has hard things to do, make him strong to do them.’ Life and death don’t matter, my son. Right and wrong do. Daddy dead is Daddy still, but Daddy dishonored before God is something awful, too bad for words.”*
- *And he goes on writing, “ I suppose you’d like to put in a bit about safety, too, and Mother would appreciate that. Well, put it in, but afterwards, always afterwards, because it really does not matter near as much as doing what is right.” He concluded, “Every man, woman and child should be taught to put first things first in prayer, both in peace and war, and that, I believe, is where we have failed.”*

## Divine conservation V 19-30

- Record of their Deliverance
- Reasons for their Deliverance
- Results of their Deliverance

# Record of their Deliverance

- V 19 - Anger of the king
- V 19b-22. Activity of the King
- V 24 & 25 Amazement of the king:
- V 29 & 30 The announcement of the king

# Reasons for their Deliverance

- Their absolute commitment
- Their absolute confidence in God
- Their absolute courage of God
- Absolute consciousness of God

# Jerome of Prague Said,

*"Come here, and kindle it before my eyes; for if I had been afraid of it, I had not come to this place." The fire being kindled, he sang a hymn, but was soon interrupted by the flames; and the last words he was heard to say these, "This soul in flames I offer Christ, to Thee."*

Martin Luther said,

*"My cause shall be commended to the Lord for He lives and reigns who preserve the three children in the furnace of the Babylonian king. If He is unwilling to preserve me, my life is a small thing compared with Christ. Expect anything of me except flight or recantation. I will not flee much less recant, so may the Lord Jesus strengthen me,"*

# Result of their deliverance

1. Their enemies were executed V 22
2. Their bonds were set free 21 & V25
3. Their hearts were encouraged V 25
4. Their lives were ensured
5. Their God was exalted V 13
6. Their influence was enlarged V 30

# Poem by an American Soldier

Lord God I have never spoken to you,  
Now I want to say how do you do?  
You see God they told me you didn't exist,  
And like a fool I believed all this.

Last night from a shell hole I saw your sky,  
I figured right then they had told me a lie.  
Had I taken time to see the things you've made,  
I'd have known they weren't calling a spade, a spade.

I wonder God if you'll take my hand?  
Somehow I feel that you'll understand.  
Funny I had to come to this hellish place,  
Before I had time to see your face.

Well I guess there isn't much more to say,  
But I'm sure glad God I met you today.

# Poem by an American Soldier

I guess zero hour will soon be here,  
But I'm not afraid since I know you're near.

The signal, well God I'll have to go,  
I like you a lot so I want you to know.  
Look now this'll be a horrible fight,  
Who knows I may come to your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly to you before,  
I wonder God if you'd wait at your door?  
Look I'm crying, I'm shedding tears,  
I wish I have known you these many years  
I'll have to go now God, good-bye.  
Strange now since I've met you,  
I'm not afraid to die.

# Hymn....How firm a foundation

*When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*