

“Even If...”

Courage for Challenging Times

Week 2

Daniel 3:1-6

“King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up.

³ So the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials assembled for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up, and they stood before it.

Daniel 3:1-6

⁴ Then the herald loudly proclaimed,

“This is what you are commanded to do,

O peoples, nations and men of every language:

⁵ As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither,

lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music,

you must fall down and worship the image of gold that

King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

⁶ Whoever does not fall down and worship will

immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”

Countless idols constantly
seek your devotion



Daniel 3:12

“But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon— Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego— who pay no attention to you, O king. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

*Refusing to bow to idols
is a noticeable statement of faith*

Daniel 3:16-18

***“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king,
“O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves
before you in this matter.***

***¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace,
the God we serve is able to save us from it, a
nd he will rescue us from your hand, O king.***

***¹⁸ But even if he does not,
we want you to know, O king,
that we will not serve your gods or
worship the image of gold you have set up.”***



*“It is one thing to believe in God;
it is quite another to believe God.”*

*R.C. Sproul
Theologian*



Daniel 3:24-25

“He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.””

A painting of a lion's head, rendered in a dark, moody style. The lion's face is the central focus, with its eyes looking slightly to the right. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of its mane and the contours of its face against a deep, dark background. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Psalm 23:4

*“Even though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”*

God is in the fire with you



Daniel 3:26

*“Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted,
“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, s
ervants of the Most High God, come out!
Come here!”*

A group of lions in a dark, dramatic setting. The lions are rendered in shades of brown and gold, with strong highlights and deep shadows, giving them a powerful and somewhat somber appearance. They are clustered together, with some looking towards the viewer and others looking away. The background is dark and indistinct, emphasizing the lions as the central subject.

1 Corinthians 1:18

***“For the message of the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved
it is the power of God.”***



Isaiah 43:2-3

*“When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you; and when you pass through the
rivers, they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior;”*