

#### Bethany Bible Study & Discussion Daniel (Part-6) (3:19-30)

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Daniel, Chapter 3 The Great Idol (1-7)

The Great Defiance (8-18)

The Great Deliverance (19-25)

The Great Change (26-30)

Great Defiance
... Faith in God,
should not be
dependent
upon intensity
of Fire

be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up (18)

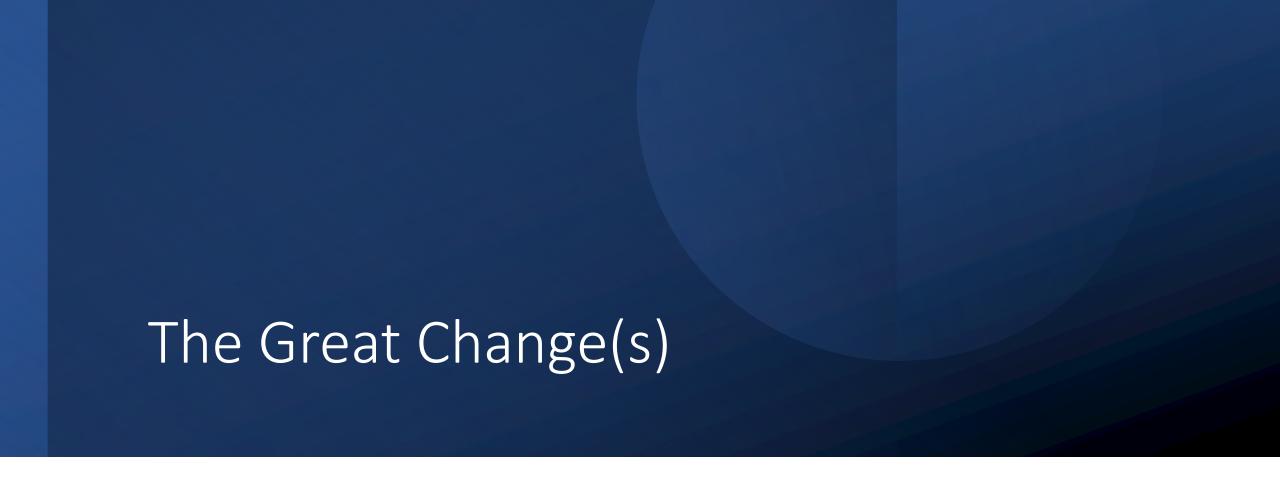
Even if God does not deliver from fire, our decision will not change (17,18)

# The Great Deliverance (19-25)

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- King angered by the defiance of S, M, A
- Furnace heated seven times
- S, M, A bound and cast into fire with coat and other garments
- The fiery furnace killed those who cast them in fire
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego unharmed
- Fourth person "like" the son of God
- □ Isaiah's prophesy two centuries back (Isaiah 43:2) when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

In the Fire, but burnt!



What were some changes after the great deliverance from fire? Did king reach a point of personal confession? Fire had no power!

king acknowledges the God in whom Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego placed their trust and chose to disobey the king

Faith versus Fire: Faith wins!

king issues a new decree

king Promotes Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

## Reaction of king ... changes

Changed perception of God - King acknowledges the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego as a superior God (no other God can deliver! -29 versus who is that God that shall deliver? -15)

**Changed decree** - Issued a new decree against blasphemy

**Changed honor** - Promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

### Old versus New decree

**NEW** Therefore, I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort (29)

**OLD** Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of ... music, shall fall down and worship the golden image: And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace (10,11)

# Did king reach a point of personal confession?

 king "astonished" (24) by the great faith of S, M, A and great deliverance by God (28)

... but not "converted"

- Many in the world are astonished by miracles, but few are truly saved.
- king's references to God show lack of personal relationship:

God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, (28) (not MY God)

against the <u>God of Shadrach</u>, Meshach, and Abednego (29)

## Be truly saved!

Acknowledge

Acknowledge you are a sinner

**Believe** 

Believe in the finished work on the cross (death, burial, and resurrection)

**CONFESS** 

Confess (Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved)

Truly saved will mean deliverance from eternal fire

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the **lake** of fire" (Revelation 20:15)

**Great Idol to Great** Changes ... only a powerful and sovereign God can work all things for the our good (Romans 8:28); He did it for Joseph (Genesis 50:20), He can do it for us!

The Great Idol (1-7) The Great Defiance (8-18) The Great Deliverance (19-25) The Great Change (26-30)

#### Do not be Afraid of Fire ...

Exercise faith ...

#### Rejoice because promotion is coming!

We went through Fire ...

but thou has brought us into a wealthy place (Psalms 66:12)

Do not pray for deliverance ...

But pray for God's perfect will to be accomplished in the Fire

# What Attributes of God are seen in this chapter?

#### God is our Deliverer

God's unchanging Attributes

God's presence is with us, Always

God is Sovereign (He is in absolute control)

God rewards those who exercise faith & those who honor him

## What memory verse?

Chapter 1:8a Chapter 2:22 Chapter 3:17-18



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