



## Faith Is What Faith Does

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**TODAY'S READING:** Daniel 3

Today's passage is very familiar to many of us about King Nebuchadnezzar and the Hebrew Children, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. King Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful king who led the great Babylonian Empire. This king made an image of gold. The image stood 90' high and 9' wide. He gathered all the people of affluence--governors, prefects, treasures, justices, magistrates, and anyone else with an official title and commanded, *"Then a herald cried aloud: 'To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up; and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace'"* (Daniel 3:4-6, NKJV).

Just as sure as the Lord lives, there were individuals plotting against the people of God, for they were jealous of God's divine favor He had shown them. These individuals knew the faith of the Hebrew people, Daniel, and his friends. Therefore they sought the perfect opportunity to rid themselves of these Hebrew people. *"There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up"* (Daniel 3:12, NKJV).

We all know the rest of the story. God preserved the lives of the Hebrew children. But not only that, He showed King Nebuchadnezzar what true power was. The children who walked into the furnace, walked out of the furnace the same way they walked in. Daniel speaks of the miraculous power of God, *"Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, 'Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?' They answered and said to the king, 'True, O king.' 'Look!' he answered, 'I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God'"* (Daniel 3:24-25, NKJV).

This is a beautiful example of faith and trust on behalf of the Hebrew children. They believed that if it was the will of their God to deliver them, He would do so. Faith is what faith does, my friends! You see, it matters very little what we say. It matters very little what we do on our own stead. What matters most is what we do in the name of Jesus and for the glory of God. All elements were met by the Hebrew children. Listen to the boldness and courageous words these teenagers used towards this end; *"If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up"* (Daniel 3:17-18, NKJV).

AMEN! AMEN! AMEN!

**PRAYER:** Our Father in the heavens Jehovah God, thank You Father for our time spent in Your Word today. Thank You for the excellent example set for us by those faith-filled Hebrew children--a true testament that faith is truly is what faith does. Father, we pray that You will help us in our faith. Help us to live our lives fully towards You. It is in the mighty name of Christ Jesus that we pray, amen.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Daniel 6

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