

**Series: The Book of Daniel**  
**Title: A Faith That Prevails**  
**Daniel 3**

**Introduction**

In Chapter 3, Nebuchadnezzar erects an image of gold and demands everyone worship it or face the fiery furnace. Daniel and his friends have been in Babylon for almost twenty years when King Nebuchadnezzar decides to build the statue.

1. Nebuchadnezzar deliberately made a statue of gold to proclaim his \_\_\_\_\_ and authority would never end.
2. The decree required \_\_\_\_\_ classes of officials and leaders to attend.
3. Heralds were public \_\_\_\_\_. They were the "press" or "media" of their day.
4. Nebuchadnezzar regarded refusing to worship the image as \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Nebuchadnezzar's idol worship was accompanied by elaborate and well-produced \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Three Hebrew men \_\_\_\_\_ the demand.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ believers can't go through life without being discovered.
8. It's one thing to make a \_\_\_\_\_ for God; it's another to stick with it when pointedly asked, "Is it true?"
9. Imagine the enormous pressure on Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego to \_\_\_\_\_.

10. They didn't doubt God's ability, nor did they \_\_\_\_\_ to know God's will.
11. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego show us that " \_\_\_\_\_ " things really do matter.
12. They knew their faith would require action and maybe even \_\_\_\_\_.
13. The three Hebrew men were not motivated by the consequences, they were \_\_\_\_\_ to do the right thing and leave the results with the Lord.
14. It was so hot that the flames \_\_\_\_\_ the men that threw them into the furnace.
15. Despite the intense \_\_\_\_\_, they stayed courageous in their confession of faith.
16. As the king walks away with a satisfied look, he is immediately stopped by the sound of \_\_\_\_\_ coming from the furnace.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ was literally with them during the worst of their trial.
18. Sometimes we are aware of Jesus' presence in our trials, and sometimes we are not - but He is \_\_\_\_\_ nonetheless.
19. The trial had no power over them because they were totally \_\_\_\_\_ to the power and will of God.
20. The King knows \_\_\_\_\_ God but does not yet know Him personally.

## **I. Be True to God**

21. They made their choice, even knowing the \_\_\_\_\_ it posed to their lives.
22. Despite all their threats and the king's rage, they remained \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

## **II. Put Your Life In God's Hands**

23. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ in faith put their life in God's hands.
24. We prevail in faith not because God delivers us but because we are \_\_\_\_\_ to Him no matter what.

## **III. God Is With Us In Our Trials**

25. Instead of getting better, things got even \_\_\_\_\_ for the three Hebrew men.
26. God didn't \_\_\_\_\_ them.
27. Whatever trials we face, God is \_\_\_\_\_ there with us when we trust God and put our life in His hands.

## **IV. God Honors Our Faith**

28. There are no \_\_\_\_\_ that we will survive the fiery furnace, but we do know that God will be there to walk with us.
29. For those who prevail in faith, the fire of the furnace has no \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Conclusion**

30. Every \_\_\_\_\_ faces times of trial and testing.
31. Don't let difficult \_\_\_\_\_ lead you to be unfaithful.
32. Whether God delivers us from our trial or not, we know that God will take \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

God always honors your faith in Him. We don't always know how he will do this. God is faithful, and he will always come through. Remember, you are not the first to ever face trials and difficulties.

#### Answers

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| 1. reign      | 12. sacrifice    | 23. prevail       |
| 2. eight      | 13. inspired     | 24. devoted       |
| 3. announcers | 14. killed       | 25. worse         |
| 4. treason    | 15. intimidation | 26. abandon       |
| 5. music      | 16. singing      | 27. always        |
| 6. refuse     | 17. Jesus        | 28. guarantees    |
| 7. Authentic  | 18. there        | 29. power         |
| 8. stand      | 19. submitted    | 30. believer      |
| 9. compromise | 20. about        | 31. circumstances |
| 10. presume   | 21. danger       | 32. care          |
| 11. small     | 22. faithful     |                   |

#### QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever been placed in a situation where you faced pressure or intimidation to compromise your faith? How did you respond?
2. When in the midst of a trial, have you recognize the presence of Jesus in it or was His presence hidden to you at the time? How did this affect how you handled the trial?
3. How can keeping your life in God's hands, even in the midst of danger, actually be a "safer" position than trying to take the responsibility of safety upon yourself?