There Is A Fire Of God

Lessons from the Fiery Furnace

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The Fire Of God:

- It Burns But Doesn’t Ruin
- It Denotes And Determines Direction
- We Do Not Run From It -- We Run To It
Read: Daniel 3

“It’s Not Over Until God Says It Is Over”
The Ceremony Of An Ego-driven King—

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide.

Idolatry Is Forbidden For God’s People

Worship Must Be Reserved For He, Who Is Worthy
The Command To Bow & Consequences For Refusing—3:4-7

Everyone *(Except The 3 Hebrew Boys)* Worshipped The False Image

The King’s Edict: Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

One Of The Hardest Things To Do In Any Culture Or Society Is To Go Against The Flow.
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A Conspiracy Against The Jews—3:8-12

“King, You’ve Already Pronounced The Sentence, Now The Sentence Must Be Carried Through”

Lesson: Be Careful That Your Words And Declarations Line Up With God’s Will And Plan, Not, Your Own Impulsive Self-Serving Desires.
The Angry King Clarifies His Position – Bow Or Else — 3:13-15

“Nebuchadnezzar was big enough to rule his empire, but not big enough to rule his passions.”
The Courage & Confidence Of The Hebrews -- 3:16-18

A) God Is Able!
B) He Will Rescue Us From Your Hand
C) Even If He Does Not Rescue Us, We Still Won’t Bow

“To Live Is Christ, To Die Is Gain!” When You Put Your Trust In Him, There Is No Way You Can Lose.
The King Condemns—3:19-23

His **Attitude Changed** Towards The Hebrew Children

His **Anger** Was **Ego Driven**

He Wants A Furnace That’s **7x’s Hotter** Than Normal
The Fire That Killed The Guards, Had No Negative Effect On Shadrach, Meshach, And Abednego.

When They Were Thrown In Their Fire-- It Was Not The End, It Was A New Beginning
The Lord – Shows Up In The Furnace—3:24-27

The King Sees Four Men Walking In The Fire

This Was A Divine Appearance That Nebuchadnezzar Was Seeing With His Own Eyes
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- There Is A Fire Of God...
- The Fire Of God Has **All Of The Positive Effects** Of Fire **And None Of The Negative** To The People Of God Who Are In It
- The Fire Of God **Destroys Ropes But Not Robes**
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- **His Fire Burns But Does Not Ruin**

- The Fire Of God **Proves The Lord And His People** – What They Have Is **Real, Powerful, & Significant**
The Fire Of God -- Dismantles & Destroys That Which Stands Against The Freedom And Liberty Of His People

In The Fire **Fleshly Desire Is Destroyed** -- And...

- The **Things Of God** – Are Established
- The **Power Of God** -- Is Established
- The **Plans Of God**– Are Established
- The **Life Of God** -- Is Established
Nothing Negative Happens In God’s Fire

We Are **Matured** And **Equipped** In The Fire

The Fire Of God Will Not Defeat You -- It Will Make You
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- God’s Fire Will Bring God’s Victories
- It Will Cause Him To Be **Lifted Up** And **Glorified**
- No Other God Can Save In This Way!!