**The God we serve is able to deliver us.**

Daniel 3:1-30 (key verse 17-18)

*“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”.”*

1. Describe the image King Nebuchadnezzar made? (1) Where had the idea probably come from? (2:31[[1]](#footnote-1),2:38[[2]](#footnote-2)) Who did he summon to come for the dedication ceremony? (2-3) What were all the people commanded to do? (4-5) What was the punishment for disobedience? (6)
2. What happened when the sound of music was heard? (7) Why could God’s people–including Daniel’s three friends– not obey the king’s command? (Ex 20:4-5[[3]](#footnote-3)) What was the report of certain astrologers? (8-12) What was their intent?
3. How did King Nebuchadnezzar respond? (13-14) How did he warn Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? (15) How did they respond? (16-18) What did they believe about God? (Ex 15:2[[4]](#footnote-4); Ro 8:28[[5]](#footnote-5)) What was their firm resolution? How could they refuse to obey the king? (Jn 14:21[[6]](#footnote-6))
4. Why and how did Nebuchadnezzar’s attitude toward the three change and what did he order? (19-21) What happened when Nebuchadnezzar ordered for Daniel’s friends to be thrown into the furnace? (22-25) When he called the three friends to come out, what shocked him and his officials? (26-27) What was King Nebuchadnezzar's confession? (28-30)

1. **Daniel 2:31** - “Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Daniel 2:38** - in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Exodus 20:4-5** – 4 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Exodus 15:2** - “The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Romans 8:28** - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. **John 14:21** - Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” [↑](#footnote-ref-6)