

BRINGING CHRIST INTO YOUR CRISIS

Daniel 3:24-25

Introduction: Reading this passage tells the account of a king issuing a decree that everybody had to do things his way, bowing before him, etc. Well there were three young men, captured and brought to that land as slaves/servants who refused to follow the king's wishes. They were tied up and then cast into a very hot furnace. How surprised everyone was when the young me didn't burn up but instead were seen walking around in the midst of the intense heat of the flames. There were four people walking, not three. Some angelic person was in there with the three young men. Of course the three were released, unharmed and not even the smell of smoke on their clothes. Who was that fourth person?

At one time or other it seems that everyone has his/her own "fiery furnace" to walk through. Is there any way we can get some divine help as these three young men had? What was it that they did/did not do that caused God to intervene?

I. THEY REFUSED TO COMPROMISE WITH THE KING'S (WORLD'S) WAY OF LIFE

1. They refused to eat the kind of food he ordered them to eat.
 - They refused the sinful lifestyle of those around them.
2. Compromise is evil for it ensnares the Christian and entraps him/her in the world's ways.
3. God needs untainted people for His work.
4. As yourself, are you untainted? Are you uncompromised? Can God use you?
5. When God seems not to hear your prayers, who do you blame? God?
 - Does not God seem to ask you, "where have you been?" "What have you been doing?"

II. THEY BECAME SEEKERS OF GOD

1. It is impossible to live a clean, pure Godly life and not pray.
2. Prayer is what prepares you for the crisis that will come.
3. One will never live a separate committed life without prayer.

III. THEY COMMITTED TO TRUST GOD WHOLY

1. If God hadn't come, they would have died.
2. What brought God to them? It was their commitment to Him.
3. They had full confidence and they received full acceptance.
4. God decided, accepted them and stepped in to their assistance.

CONCLUSION:

1. Ever blame God? Ever get mad at God?
2. Jesus will come to those who are like the three young men who were faithful to God.