

Daniel 3:1-30
"Courage Under Fire"

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1. Introduction

- a. Context: Chap 2 is King's forgotten dream
- b. Daniel's 3 friends Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego
- c. Example of Polycharp burned to death in 155 AD
 - Born in 69 AD
 - Converted at age 5 by Apostle John
 - Bishop of Smyrna
 - Early church father

2. Willing to stand (vs 1-12)

- a. Huge image of gold 90 ft H x 9 ft W located in plains of Dura
- b. Pressures were real
 - law of the land
 - law to bow down to worship image
- c. Threat of punishment
 - disobedience burned to death in fiery furnace
- d. Jewish Scriptures clear
 - do not worship false gods

3. Willing to suffer (vs 13-18)

- a. Three young men willing to die for their faith
- b. Faith will be tested
 - God is able to deliver us
 - they will not worship image
 - will not change their mind
 - whether they live or die

- 3c. Faith will be tempered (vs 19-27)
- gold refined in fire
 - fire removes impurities
 - faith tried with fire (1 Pet 1:7)
- d. Fire heated 7 times more
- men throwing the 3 into fire
 - * burned to death
 - ropes burned off by fire
- e. Faith will be triumphant
- three men walking around in fire
 - * clothes unharmed
 - * hair without singe marks
4. Willing to Stay in Babylon (vs 28-30)
- a. Continuing influence
- three promoted to higher authority
 - high level governors in Babylon
- b. Compelling influence
- King Nebuchadnezzar sees 4th person in the fire
 - form like the Son of God
 - King blesses the God of the Jews
 - Three young men can only worship their God only