

DANIEL LESSON 9 STUDY QUESTIONS

Daniel 3:8-30

Daniel's Companions and the Fiery Furnace

Pray that the Lord would give you increasing wisdom and understanding as we study His Word together, and that His Word would dwell in you richly.

1. Review Daniel 3:1-7. What has Nebuchadnezzar set up? What does he decree?

2. What three accusations do the Chaldeans bring against Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego? What might have prompted these accusations? Why do you suppose Daniel is not included?

3. What is Nebuchadnezzar's response to the accusations? What questions does he ask the three friends, and what second chance does he give them?

4. What is their response? Why don't they explain their reason for disobeying the king? What does their answer show about their faith?

5. What is Nebuchadnezzar's response and what does he command?

6. What happens when his sentence is carried out?

7. What details emphasize the miraculous nature of their deliverance?

8. How does Nebuchadnezzar describe the fourth man in the furnace in verses 25 and 28? What do these designations tell us about the king's religion? What should we conclude about this fourth man?

9. Why do the three young men promptly obey the king in v. 26, when they had refused to obey his previous order in verses 4-6? How do believers know whether to obey or rebel against their government? (Consider Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:29)

10. What are examples of believers who have demonstrated obedience or disobedience to God's commandments regarding their relationship to their government? Have you been forced to take such a stand? When are we most pressured to compromise our faith?

11. What is worship? How often is the word used in this chapter? How is the worship of believers different from the worship commanded by the king?

12. Does God always rescue His faithful followers? Consider Heb. 11:34; 36-37 and Is. 43:1-2. What does this tell us about how God works His plan through the lives of His followers? What other Scripture examples can you think of?

13. Does knowing that you may or may not see God’s resolution of an issue give you more faith or challenge your faith? Give an example.

14. Does Nebuchadnezzar become a true believer in v. 28? What might be the purpose of his decree in v. 29?

15. How do the events in Daniel 3 remind us of prophecies in Revelation 13 and 14? What similarities do you see?

16. What does Daniel teach that can prepare us for the end times?
