

Daniel - Lesson 3

"ELECT *Exiles*: Trusting in Daniel's God"

Daniel 3

Day 1 – Read Daniel 3

Pray: God's Word is active and living. Ask the Lord to use it to transform you through the work of the Spirit.

Read Again: Daniel 3:1-7

- 1) After Nebuchadnezzar's acknowledgement in Daniel 2:47 about Daniel's God, what does he build in Daniel 3:1?

Note what it is made of. Considering Daniel 2, why is this significant?

How is this image different than the one he saw in his dream?

What does all of this communicate about Nebuchadnezzar's view of himself and his kingdom?

- 2) What were the dimensions of this idol?

Dimensions	Cubits	Feet
Height		
Breadth		

- 3) Whom does Nebuchadnezzar gather? The list is recorded twice in Daniel 3:3-4.

Who would have been included in this group? Refer to Daniel 2:49.

- 4) What command was given to the gathering of these people?

According to Daniel 3:6, what was the cost of disobedience?

- 5) Notice the two words repeated in Daniel 3:1,3, &5 describing what Nebuchadnezzar did. Write them below.

What does that mean?

Day 2 – Read Daniel 3:1-15

- 6) Most Bible scholars believe the plain of Dura mentioned in Daniel 3:1 is the same plain mentioned in Genesis 11:2. Read Genesis 11:1-4. What was being built and for what purpose?

What:

Purpose:

- 7) What does our story in Daniel and this account in Genesis teach us about the tendency of man's heart? Read also Romans 1:18-23.

Application: Are there ways you identify with King Nebuchadnezzar or the people in Genesis?

- 8) **Application:** What images or idols are you feeling encouraged or pressured to worship? Consider the following categories:

Idols in Our Culture	Idols of Your Own Hearts	Idols of Your Own Image (making our name great, etc.)

Application: What are some costs you must weigh or risks you must take to worship God rather than these false gods?

*Spend some time in prayer and meditation. Is it worth it?

- 9) According to Daniel 3:7, who obeyed the king's command?

According to Daniel 3:12, who did not and why?

According to Daniel 3:8, how was the king made aware of the disobedience of some?

10) Define maliciously.

11) What was Nebuchadnezzar's response to this accusation?

What two questions does he ask in Daniel 3:14-15?

1.

2.

What does this second question insinuate about Nebuchadnezzar's heart?

Day 3 – Read Daniel 3:16-27

12) What proclamation do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego make about their God recorded in Daniel 3:16-18?

What is sure for them and what is uncertain?

Sure

Uncertain



13) What essentially are Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego saying in Daniel 3:18?

Application: How does this strike, convict, challenge, and/or amaze you?

14) How does Nebuchadnezzar respond in Daniel 3:19-23?

15) What happened to the men who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace, and why?

What does this reveal about Nebuchadnezzar's power?

16) What does Nebuchadnezzar see that astonishes him?

How is the 4th man described?

Who is this 4th man?

17) In Daniel 3:27, what does it say those who gathered around the furnace saw?

What three specific things are mentioned?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Application: What do we learn from this about God's relationship and care for His people?

Day 4 – Read Daniel 3:24-30

18) Read Isaiah 43:1-7. What does God promise?

How do we see these promises kept in our Daniel passage?

What hope do we have?

19) Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. What else do we learn about the purpose of and the hope we have in these “fiery trials” in which we find ourselves?

20) What 3 things did Nebuchadnezzar do in response to all that he had witnessed?

1.

2.

3.

Day 5 – Daniel 3

21) These three men held God as their reference point and His Word as their authority. They knew His glory was their purpose and clung to the promise of His presence. This is key when we consider our relationship to governing political authorities. What do we learn from the following passages?

1 Peter 2:13-17 –

Acts 5:29 –

Application: How do we submit and respect while also having loyalty to God?

Application: How do we as Christians stand out?

22) Perhaps the biggest issue in this passage is worship. Write below the first commandment from Exodus 20:3.

What does Jesus say in Matthew 22:37?

Application: This is a big deal, and we often overlook or downplay the real worship of our hearts. Where have you broken the first commandment and need to come to God in repentance? Ask Him to help you.

23) When Nebuchadnezzar blessed God in Daniel 3:28, what does he say God did?

What 3 things does he say Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Application: How have you been encouraged as you consider what it looks like living by faith as an elect exile?