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Daniel 3

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we don’t need to give you an answer to this question. ¹⁷ If the God we serve exists, then he can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he can rescue us from the power of you, the king. ¹⁸ But even if he does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.”

Daniel 3:16-18 (CSB)

FOCUS: Satan often uses the threat or promise of power to entice God’s people to sin.

OUTLINE:

1. The Plan (1 – 7)
 - a. The statue
 - b. The edit
 - c. The result
2. The Accusation (8 – 23)
 - a. The accusers (8 – 15)
 - b. The answer (16 – 18)
 - c. The result (19 – 23)
3. The Deliverance (24 – 30)
 - a. The astonishment (24 – 25)
 - b. The examination (26 – 28)
 - c. The result (29 – 30)
4. So What?
 - a. Be faithful to your commitments and leave the problems to God.
Never doubt the power and purpose of the Heavenly Father.
 - b. Trust God with your life at all times, especially in crisis or danger.
 - c. Never underestimate the power of heaven for miracles of deliverance.
 - d. Don’t trust the religious language of pagan politicians.
 - e. God’s public reputation is intimately connected with the obedient faith of his people, although not dependent upon it.
 - f. Worship of any creature, even the figment of one’s own religious imagination, is idolatry.