

**Series:** The Stand  
**Message:** Holding Firm Your Convictions  
**Scripture:** Daniel 3:1-30  
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## 1. The Story

### 1) Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Image (3:1-7)

#### **Daniel 2:47**

*<sup>47</sup> The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."*

#### **Daniel 3:4-6**

*<sup>4</sup> Then the herald loudly proclaimed: "To you the command is given, O peoples, nations and men of every language,*

*<sup>5</sup> that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe and all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.*

*<sup>6</sup> "But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire."*

### 2) The Charges Brought Against The Three Jews (3:8-12)

#### **Daniel 3:12**

*<sup>12</sup> "There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."*

### 3) The Three Jews' Response To Nebuchadnezzar (3:13-18)

#### **Daniel 3:15-18**

*<sup>15</sup> "Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"*

*<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.*

*<sup>17</sup> "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.*

*<sup>18</sup> "But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."*

4) The Three Jews Thrown Into The Furnace (3:19-23)

5) The Three Jews Survive The Fire (3:24-27)

**Daniel 3:24-25**

<sup>24</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied to the king, "Certainly, O king."

<sup>25</sup> He said, "Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!"

6) Nebuchadnezzar's Response To The Three Jews (3:28-30)

**Daniel 3:28**

<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him, <sup>29</sup>violating the king's command, and yielded up their bodies so as not to serve or worship any god except their own God.

2. Three Requirements For Holding Firm Convictions

1) The Knowledge That God Is Sovereign

**Daniel 3:17**

<sup>17</sup> "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

2) The Knowledge Of God's Word

3) Yieldedness To God's Lordship

3. Two Assurances When Unwilling To Compromise Convictions

1) The Presence Of Christ

2) The Fruit Of Prosperity

**Daniel 3:30**

<sup>30</sup> *Then the king caused Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to prosper in the province of Babylon.*