

# Chapter 18

## Daniel in Exile



THE STORY

**Allow us to try it for 10 days and then compare us to the rest of the trainees who have been eating from the Kings pantry.**

**No other God but me.**



**Bow down to it or risk being  
thrown into a fiery furnace.  
Worship the God I've made, or else  
we will see if any God can rescue  
you the fire pit.**



**“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will lift for us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Daniel 3:17-19**



**“The fire had not harmed their bodies nor was a hair of their heads singed.” Daniel 3:27**

**Everything God does is motivated by his deep love for people and desire to have a relationship with them.**



**Have you made up your mind not to compromise, so God can use you?**

**God is not out looking for influential people he can make faithful. God is looking for faithful men and women whom he can elevate to positions of influence.**



**"O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O King..."**



**But even if he does not, we want you to know, O King, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."  
Daniel 3:16**



**Until you and I allow God to move us out of the convenience of having preferences into the mode of sacrifice, where we have convictions, we miss out on ever being used by God, because he's looking for that kind of man and woman.**



**You need to develop convictions in the area of moral purity.**

**"Set your mind on things above and not on the things that are on earth. For we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God."**

**Col. 3:2-3**



**You need to develop convictions in the area of ethics.**



**Preference is oriented toward convenience. Conviction is oriented toward sacrifice. The challenge is being willing to acknowledge that what you lose by sacrificing is far less than what you lose by compromise.**



**You need to develop convictions in the area of spirituality.**

**"Lord Jesus, in many areas of my life, I'm a man (or woman) of preference. Lord Jesus, just help me take a baby step this morning."**

