

They Wouldn't Bend,.....Daniel 3:12-18

*murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

Introduction:

- A. The book of Daniel is filled with timely lessons.
- B. Daniel's determination to be faithful (Dan. 1:8)
- C. Shadrach, Meshack, Abed-Nego's resolve. (our text)

**I. The Decree (1-7)**

**II. The Accusation (8-12)**

**III. Nebuchadnezzar's Wrath (19-23)**

**IV. God Intervenes (24-27)**

- A. They wouldn't bend the will of God.
- B. They wouldn't bow to the golden idol.
- C. They wouldn't burn in Nebuchadnezzar's furnace.

Application:

**A. We cannot afford to bend:**

- 1. Peer pressure (drink, sex, attend recreational functions instead of worship, spend money on self than give to God,)
- 2. Adam and Eve bent. Yielded to Satan.
- 3. Peter compromised his beliefs
  - a. Gal. 2:11,12 *"Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision."*
  - b. Acts 5:29

**B. We cannot afford to bow:**

- 1. To False Gods.
  - a. One God (Eph. 4:6)
  - b. The Athenians many gods (Acts 17:23-29)
- 2. God of pleasure
- 3. God of self-will

**C. Don't want to burn**

- 1. Luke 3:17 *"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."*
- 2. 2 Thess. 1:7,8 *"and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

- 3. Rev. 21:8 *"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable,*

**Conclusion:**

- A. The Hebrew children made up their mind to be loyal.
- B. Circumstances do not determine loyalty and love.
- C. Obedience brings blessings.