

Scripture: Deut. 5:1-20 & Daniel 3
Singing: 53:1-5 – 141:1 – 233:1, 4-6 – 322:1-4 – 71:1, 3, 4

YOUR BOLD CONFESSION WILL BE HONORED BY GOD

- I. Brace for the fire you will face
- II. Stand your ground as you speak unashamed
- III. Know God has your back – always

I. Brace for the fire you will face as you seek to follow God

- A. Loving and honoring God does not guarantee trouble-free life
 - 1. They drew a line and now are tempted to cross it (Daniel 1:8)

B. Where is God and where are you in this story?

II. Stand your ground as you speak unashamedly in confessing God

- A. Be prepared to face the call to *bow or burn*
 - 1. Your testing will be packaged in *small or great* matters (vs. 4-7)
 - 2. Your testing will be challenged (8-15)

B. God call you to stand firm with no hiding or backing down (16-18)

- 1. Memorized texts will not be sufficient to stand firm and speak unashamed
- 2. A confession of faith is not a denial of hard truth but a surrender to God's truth

III. Know God has your back – always – when you confess Him

- A. His promise is not that you will escape the fires (2 Tim. 3:12; Matt. 5:10, 12)
- B. His promise is that He will be in your fires with you (Heb. 13:5-6)

Prayer Points:

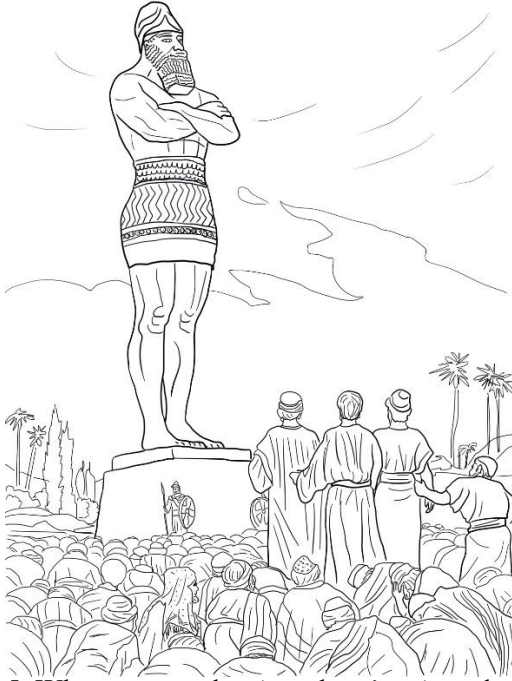
*Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth:
unite my heart to fear Thy Name. Ps. 86:11*

*Let integrity and uprightness preserve me;
for I wait on thee. Ps. 25:21*

Dear children,

When you love and honor the Lord, He will honor you also. But that does not mean He will always spare you troubles. Today's story will teach us this.

Let's think together about God's message.



1. Why did the king make this big statue?

2. What choice did the young men make?

3. What made the 3 men so brave?

4. Can you think of some examples in your life where you need to 'stand up to do the right thing?'

5. When you need to 'speak up' or 'stand up' to do the right thing, why is that hard?

6. What will help you to do the right thing is knowing God's promises. Finish Jesus' promise in Matt. 10:32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will ..."

7. What did you find the most important or beautiful part of this story?

8. How will this story help you to pray to God?

9. It seems there a mistake in the picture. Or did the artist have a purpose with this?