

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Psalm 101

Daniel 3 (2)

Singing: 285:1-4 – 415:2 – 53:1-5 – 271:1-3 – 356:1-3

Intro: Daniel's book has one theme: *The LORD reigns forever!* (Dan. 7:13-14)

YOUR BOLD CONFESSION OF GOD WILL BE HONORED BY GOD (1)

I. Brace yourself for the fire if you confess Him

II. Stand your ground unashamed when you are challenged

III. Know God has your back when you honor Him

I. Brace for fire you will you face when you confess Him

A. A confession is a commitment to God (Daniel 1:8; Ps. 101)

1. How to come to such a confession: Ps. 86:11

2. How serious is such a confession: Eccl. 2:4, 5

3. How blessed is such a confession: Mat. 10:32-33

B. The fear of God is not the end of all trouble

1. The fear of God is *a heart focused and fastened to follow God and His will*

2. The fear of God is as lifejacket you need *before* you hit the water!

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 confession 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)

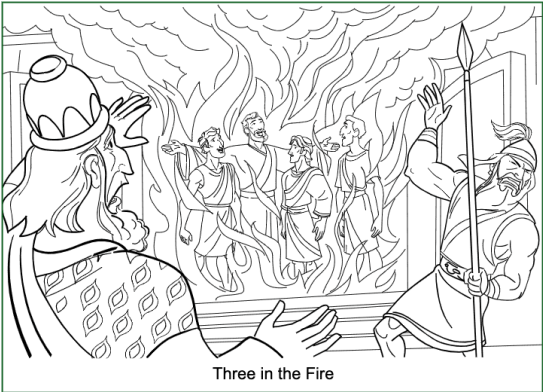
B. His promise is that He will be in your fires with you (Heb. 13:5-6)

Prayer Points:

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

Dear children, last week we learned about Daniel and his three friends. Let’s review.

1. Complete the verse from Daniel 1:8 which tells us about the ‘line they drew.’
But Daniel _____ in his _____ that he would not _____
Himself with the _____ of the king’s _____, nor with the _____
which he drank.
2. “Drawing a line” is like making a promise to God about how you will live. What do you need to **do before** you make such a promise? Mark all right answers.
___ think ___ pray ___ talk to friends ___ ask parents ___ listen to God ___ flip a coin
3. Daniel and his friends refused to eat and drink because it probably involved the Babylonian religion. But for sure they knew it broke God’s laws. Where do you need to draw lines or make promises to God? Think about *how you use time, what you read, the words you use, who you will serve, things you do or watch.*



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4. As you listen to how the three answered Nebuchadnezzar, what do you think is most impressive?

5. Perhaps tomorrow your classmate whispers to you about doing something nasty. You know if you say ‘no’ you will not be well liked by some. Think now about what you would answer and write it out. For example, “I will _____
6. What do you think God was telling you in His message today?
7. Write three things you will pray about. I gave you one. a. For those who are facing the call to ‘bow or burn. b. _____
- c. _____