**Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship**

**LET’S READ & Study!!**

**For: 15 August 2021**

**Jesus Corrects and Commends John**

**Monday**- Jesus Rebukes the Faithless **(Matthew 11:16-24)**

**Tuesday**- John Exhorts the People **(Luke 3:1-18)**

**Wednesday**-John Prepares the Way for Christ **(Matthew 3:1-12)**

**Thursday**- Prophecy of the Messenger **(Malachi 3:1-5)**

**Friday**- Prophet of the Highest **(Luke 1:76-80)**

**Saturday-**Elijah Has Come **(Matthew 17:9-13)**

**Sunday-** More than a Prophet **(Matthew 11:1-15)**

**08 August 2021**

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Lesson Text: **Daniel** 3:1, 8-18

Related Scriptures: **Daniel** 3:19-30; 6:1-23**; Psalm** 18:46-50**;**

**Matthew** 10:16-20

**TIME:** 587 B.C. **PLACE:** Babylon

**GOLDEN TEXT:** “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.” **Daniel 3:17 (KJV)**

***Scripture Lesson Text***

**Daniel 3:1, 8-18**

1 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon.5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

**8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and accused the Jews.**

9 They spake and said to the king Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live forever.

**10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:**

11 And whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, that he should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

**12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.**

13 Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king.

**14 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up?**

15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

**16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.**

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

**18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.**

**Lesson Aim**

**Facts:** To acknowledge that the world stands in opposition to God.

**Principle:** To stress that God’s people are called to stand for Him

**Application:** To resolve to willingly accept hostility from the world because we stand for Jesus.

**Introduction**

In 605 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar’s armies invaded Judah and taken captive the best and brightest young men from Jerusalem to enter his service (Daniel 1:1-4). Four of these young men were Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Nebuchadnezzar quickly found out that though these men were faithful to their duties, their ultimate devotion was to the Lord.

1. **Developing the Lesson:** 
   1. An imposing figure (Daniel 3:1)
   2. An imposing law (Daniel 3:8-12)
   3. An imposing faith (Daniel 3:13-18)
2. **Studying the Text**
   1. **The Golden Idol (Daniel 3:1)**
   2. **The Scheming Informants** **(Daniel 3:8-12)**
      1. The preliminaries (Daniel 3:8-11)
      2. The accusation (Daniel 3:12)
   3. **The Brave Young Men (Daniel 3:13-18)**
      1. The Kings anger and final offer (Daniel 3:13-15)
      2. The faithful men’s resolute stand (Daniel 3:16-18**)**
3. **Take Aways**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Closing Prayer**

1. Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Summer Quarter, 01 August 2021, *Three Young Men Refuse to Bow* page 58 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)