

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**  
**Title: “Boys Who Will Not Bow”**  
**Text: Daniel 3**  
**Series: *The Book of Daniel***

**Daniel 3**

**#1. After acknowledging God’s greatness, King Nebuchadnezzar builds a statue 90 feet high and 9 feet wide. Importantly, the statue looks like the one from his dream (see ch. 2), but with this key change: he has covered the entire statue in gold in an attempt to extend his own kingdom from head to toe (cf. Daniel 2:31–35) (Daniel 3:1–3).**

**#2. King Nebuchadnezzar demands that everyone fall in worship to the image made in his own likeness (Daniel 3:5)**

*3:6 - Whoever does not fall down and worship  
will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.*

**#3. Everyone immediately fell down to worship King Nebuchadnezzar and the Kingdom of this World (i.e. Babylon) – everyone except Daniel’s 3 Friends (Daniel 3:8–12).**

**#4. Again, King Nebuchadnezzar is furious (cf. ch. 2), and he commands Daniel’s friends to be thrown in the “burning fiery furnace” (3:13–14). He then asks:**

*“Who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?!” (Daniel 3:15b)*

**#5. Daniel's friends reply (Daniel 3:16–17):**

- 1) Our God can deliver us**
- 2) We believe He will deliver us**
- 3) But even if He deems it best not to deliver us today, we're not bowing**

*<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. <sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”*

**#4. Once again furious (cf. 3:13), King Nebuchadnezzar throws Daniel's friends in the blazing furnace—but he made the furnace “seven times hotter” (Daniel 3:19–23).**

**#5. “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” ... “But I see four?!” (Daniel 3:24–25).**

**#6. Daniel's friends emerge from the fire unscathed. Again, King Nebuchadnezzar praises God. Again, King Nebuchadnezzar promotes God's People in his own kingdom (Daniel 3:26–30).**

**APPLICATIONS:**