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Through  
The Book  
of Daniel

**Week 9**

## Daniel 3: 7 (NASB)

*Therefore at that time,  
when all the peoples  
heard the sound of the  
horn, flute, lyre, trigon,  
psaltery, bagpipe and all  
kinds of music, all the  
peoples, nations*

## Daniel 3: 7 (NASB)

*and men of every  
language fell down and  
worshiped the golden  
image that  
Nebuchadnezzar the king  
had set up.*

# Question

Why did they fall down  
and worship this image?

## Daniel 3: 8-9 (NASB)

*For this reason at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews. They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: “O king, live forever!*

## Daniel 3: 10 (NASB)

*You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image.*

## Daniel 3: 11 (NASB)

*But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.*

## Daniel 3: 12 (NASB)

*There are certain Jews  
whom you have  
appointed over the  
administration of the  
province of Babylon,  
namely Shadrach,  
Meshach and Abed-nego.*



# Question

Who was it these  
Chaldeans are saying  
put these young Jewish  
men over them?

## Daniel 2: 49 (NASB)

*And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego **over the administration of the province of Babylon**, while Daniel was at the king's court.*

# Question

Do you think the Chaldeans were happy that they were placed under the command of these Jewish young men?

# Observation

I think this is another hint that this is shortly after the king appointed these men as rulers because the people are still very angry about this.

# Question

Have you ever been in a leadership role and had those you are leading wanting you to fail?

## Daniel 3: 12 (NASB)

*These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up.”*

# Question

How do you think the king will respond knowing his orders have not been followed?

He has a serious temper issue!

## Daniel 3: 13 (NASB)

*Then Nebuchadnezzar in  
rage and anger gave  
orders to bring Shadrach,  
Meshach and Abed-nego;  
then these men were  
brought before the king.*



## Daniel 3: 14 (NASB)

*Nebuchadnezzar responded and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?"*

# Question

Did you catch the accusation made by the Chaldeans that the king did not believe because it was not even brought up by the king?

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# Question

Does it sound like the king believes the story he was told by the Chaldeans?

Why do you think he would question the story?

# Question

Do you think that it is possible the king thinks these three young men were just following Daniel and would not make a stand without Daniel present?

The king clearly thinks that this was just an honest mistake made by these young men so he graciously decides to give them an opportunity to redeem themselves.

## Daniel 3: 15 (NASB)

*Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well.*



## Daniel 3: 15 (NASB)

*But if you do not worship,  
you will immediately be  
cast into the midst of a  
furnace of blazing fire;  
and what god is there who  
can deliver you out of my  
hands?”*

# Question

Why does the king think that the God of these young men cannot deliver them out of his hands?

# Question

Why is it that people get so upset if just one person disagrees with them?

Do we see examples of this today?

# Senators: Why is Air Force punishing colonel over his religious views on marriage?



By Todd Starnes | Fox News



Trending in Politics



Last May the colonel declined to sign a certificate of spouse appreciation for a retiring master sergeant's same-sex spouse. Instead, he asked a higher ranking military leader to sign the customary document.

“Col. Bohannon recognized the moral and legal dilemma this situation presented, and to his credit, sought to carve out a solution that would affirm the contribution made by the retiring officer’s same-sex partner while at the same time allowing the colonel to abide by his religious convictions,” the senators wrote.

However, the retiring service member took offense and subsequently filed a discrimination complaint.

# Bible study cancelled at Hudsonville elementary school

Rose White , WZZM

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HUDSONVILLE, MICH. - Hudsonville Public Schools ended a teacher-led Bible study that was being conducted during school hours at Alward Elementary School.

The Michigan Association of Civil Rights Activists (MACRA) acted on complaints from parents and they reached out to the district urging them to stop the Bible study.

According to parents, 5th grade teacher, Christopher Karel was leading students in weekly Bible studies during school hours -- every Friday during lunch period. Students attending the Bible study would bring their food to Karel's classroom where he would read a Bible verse, tell a story or show a video and lead students in prayer.

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"For more than 50 years now, the U.S. Supreme Court has expressly prohibited all organized religious activity in public schools, especially when such activity involves teachers, principals, staff, or any adult, including volunteers, and is conducted on school property during school hours."

# ACLU Lawsuit Forces Removal of Cross Atop Indiana Christmas Tree



BY TYLER O'NEIL DECEMBER 13, 2016

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*Facebook photo of the Christmas tree with the cross on it over which the ACLU sued the Indiana town of Knightstown.*

# Question

How do you think the king expects these young men to respond?

How did they respond?

## Daniel 3: 16 (NASB)

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.*

# Question

How did they address  
the king?

How do you think the  
king felt about their  
answer so far?

## Daniel 3: 17 (NASB)

*If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.*

## Daniel 3: 18 (NASB)

*But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”*

# Question

Why did these men not  
make a compromise and  
potentially save their  
lives?



# Leviticus 26: 1

You shall not make for yourselves idols, nor shall you set up for yourselves an image or a sacred pillar, nor shall you place a figured stone in your land to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God.

# Proverbs 29: 25 (NIV)

Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe.

# Question

Let's think of some compromises that we could have made if we were in these young men's shoes.

# Question

Where did they get their  
courage?

## Hebrews 13: 5

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

# Question

How does this apply to  
us today?

Here is an example of  
courage from 1549 of  
someone who did not  
compromise.

# Elizabeth Dirks, 1549

Elizabeth was arrested on January 15, 1549 by catholic authorities who were trying to discover the connections that made up the network of subversives. Upon searching her home they found a Latin New Testament.



## Elizabeth Dirks, 1549

They held an inquisition where examiners tried to get her to give up the names of those who baptized her and those she had taught.

Here are highlights of transcripts from the trial:

Interrogator: We shall make you so afraid that you will tell us what we ask.

Elisabeth: I hope through the grace of God that he will keep my tongue so that I shall not become a traitor and deliver my brothers to death.

Interrogator: What persons were present when you were baptized?

Elisabeth: Christ said, “Ask those that were present or who heard it.”

Interrogator: Have the priests power to forgive sins?

Elisabeth: No, my lords. How can I believe this? Christ is the only priest through whom sins are forgiven.

Interrogator: You say that you believe everything that accords with the holy Scriptures. Do you not believe the words of James?

Elisabeth: Yes, my lords. Why should I not believe them?

Interrogator: Doesn't he say in James 5:14: "Go to the elder of the church that he may anoint you and pray over you?"

Elisabeth: Yes, my lords, but do you mean to say that you belong to this church?

Procurator General: Master Hans, seize her.

Hans: Oh, no, my lords; she will voluntarily confess.

Narrator: But she would not voluntarily confess, and so he applied the thumbscrews to her thumbs and forefingers so that the blood squirted out at the nails.

Elisabeth: Oh, I cannot endure it any longer.

Interrogator: Confess, and we will relieve your pain.

Elisabeth: Help me, O Lord, your poor handmaiden! For you are a helper in time of need.

Interrogator: Confess, and we will relieve your pain. We told you to confess, not to cry to God the Lord!

Elisabeth: Ask me anything, and I shall answer you for I no longer feel the least pain in my flesh as I did before.

Interrogator: Will you not yet confess?

Elisabeth: No, my lords.

Narrator: They then applied the screws to her shins, one on each shin.



Narrator: She then fainted.  
They said to one another:  
“Perhaps she is dead.” But  
waking up, she said:

Elisabeth: I am alive. I am  
not dead.

Narrator: They then took off  
all the screws and pleaded  
with her.

Narrator: So they obtained not one word from her that was detrimental to her brothers and sisters in the Lord or to any other person.

Interrogator: Will you revoke all that you have previously confessed here?

Elisabeth: No, my lords, but I will seal it with my death.

Interrogator: We will try you no more. Will you voluntarily tell us who baptized you?

Elisabeth: No, my lords; I have told you that I will not confess this.

Sentence was then passed on Elisabeth on March 27, 1549. She was condemned to death.

After five and a half months of imprisonment, she was drowned in a bag on May 29, 1549, and thus she offered up her body to God.

## Daniel 3: 19 (NASB)

*Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was altered toward Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.*

## Question

What does it mean that his facial expression was altered?

He is so violently angry that his face is contorted and he is beyond rational decisions.

## Daniel 3: 20 (NASB)

*He commanded certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in order to cast them into the furnace of blazing fire.*

## Daniel 3: 21 (NASB)

*Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps and their other clothes, and were cast into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire.*



## Question

What does the description of their clothes tell us?

This was a formal occasion. All those present were dressed in formal attire.

## Daniel 3: 22 (NASB)

*For this reason, because the king's command was urgent and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire slew those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.*

# Question

What did the king lose because of his anger?

His best warriors died, not on the battlefield but because of the king's foolishness.

# Ecclesiastes 7: 9 (NLT)

*Control your temper, for  
anger labels you a fool.*

# Proverbs 14: 29 (NLT)

*People with  
understanding control  
their anger; a hot temper  
shows great foolishness.*

# Question

What does the fact that these men were killed by the fire tell us?

The fire was HOT!!!