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Shadrach, Meshach,  
Abednego



**“Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego  
replied to the king, “We might be  
thrown into the blazing furnace. But the  
God we serve is able to bring us out of  
it alive.”**

**Daniel 3: 16 & 17**



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# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PERSECUTED



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**19 Nebuchadnezzar was so furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face became distorted with rage. He commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual.**



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**20 Then he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. 21 So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments.**

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**22 And because the king, in his anger,  
had demanded such a hot fire in the  
furnace, the flames killed the soldiers  
as they threw the three men in. 23 So  
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,  
securely tied, fell into the roaring  
flames.**

**Daniel 3:19-23 (NLT)**

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**9 They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “Long live the king! 10 You issued a decree requiring all the people to bow down and worship the gold statue when they hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments.**

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**11 That decree also states that those who refuse to obey must be thrown into a blazing furnace.**

**12 But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up.”**

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**13 Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought before him. When they were brought in, 14 Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you refuse to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up?**



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**15 I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments.**

**[b] But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?" Daniel 3:9-15 (NLT)**



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# They Are Persecuted Because Of Their Standards



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**“3 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.”**  
**Colossians 3:1-2 (NLT)**



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# They Are Persecuted Because Of Their Savior



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**“If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine. 38 If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. Matthew 10:37-38 (NLT)**



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# They Are Persecuted Because Of Their Stand



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**16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied,  
“O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to  
defend ourselves before you. 17 If we are  
thrown into the blazing furnace, the God  
whom we serve is able to save us. He will  
rescue us from your power, Your Majesty.**



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**18 But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."**

**Daniel 3:16-18 (NLT)**



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# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PRESERVED



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# They Were Preserved By God



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**2 When you go through deep waters,  
I will be with you.**

**When you go through rivers of difficulty,  
you will not drown.**

**When you walk through the fire of  
oppression,**

**you will not be burned up;**

**the flames will not consume you.**

**Isaiah 43:2 (NLT)**

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# They Were FREE In The Fire



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# They Were FINE In The Fire



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# GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PROMOTED



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**28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.**



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**29 Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!”**



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**30 Then the king promoted Shadrach,  
Meshach, and Abednego to even higher  
positions in the province of Babylon.  
Daniel 3:28-30 (NLT)**



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