

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – July 1– 7 ***Doing Life Together – Thriving in Babylon – Hot Feet***

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Daniel 3:15

OBSERVATION: When confronted with the loyalty of the three Jews to the King of kings, the king of Earth thought he had the high ground, but as it turns out, he was on holy ground! To protect his lies, the king had to kill those who stood for the truth. He knew that they knew the truth about the vanished vision because he had promoted them for participating with Daniel in praying for the truth! He also knew that he could never recover from public disgrace if he showed any sign of weakness or timidity in the presence of thousands of his administrators. So, the king did what every carnal heart would do, and the young men did what every born-again believer would do. The metal in each heart was revealed.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Daniel 3:16-17

OBSERVATION: Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises (Romans 4:20-21). When you read the account of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in Daniel 3, one thing is apparent: they were fully persuaded. Nothing could make them bow to Nebuchadnezzar's statue - no threats, no consequence, no punishment. They were fully persuaded of the promises of God and in their obedience to him.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Daniel 3:19

OBSERVATION: God isn't going to save you from the fire. He will bring you through it. When you walk through the fire of cancer, sickness, divorce, financial ruin - you shall not be burned. Nebuchadnezzar made the fire so hot it killed some of his strongest soldiers (Daniel 3:22). Fire is deadly - for some. But you will not be truly burned. If you are fully persuaded of the promises of God, you will not be destroyed. You expected the miracle outside the fire. You thought God would save you before things went that far. But for you, the miracle is in the fire. Like it was for three Hebrews.

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Daniel 3:24-27

OBSERVATION: When you walk through the fire, chains will break. Satan has used your situation to keep you living a small and contained life. No longer! Chains break in the fire. According to the promise of Isaiah 43, Jesus will walk with you in the fire. Whatever the trouble or trial may be, you will have a tangible sense of his presence. Jesus reveals himself in the fire. Watch for deeper revelation and worship experiences in your life.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Daniel 3:30

OBSERVATION: The fire may have been your greatest test, but on the other side you will see promotion. You will experience spiritual promotion, for fire always refines. You may also encounter physical promotion in your job and experience greater favor with those you know. Others will recognize the goodness of God through your faith. If the fires of life are threatening, take heart. The miracle of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego is a miracle for you too. Be fully persuaded. Believe the promise, so when the pressure increases, you receive protection and ultimately promotion. Don't give up. Your miracle is in the fire.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Daniel 3:1-30

OBSERVATION: Even if God did not save them, Daniel's three friends determined to be loyal. God did save them, in a dramatic way, and both the Great God of Heaven and the three friends were exalted because of it. Will you determine to be loyal to God, even in small matters?