

## Courage Under Fire Daniel 3:1-30 (NKJV)

I. Everyone must bow before Nebuchadnezzar's statue or be cast into a fiery furnace. (v.1-7)

II. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to bow. (v. 8-12)

III. King Nebuchadnezzar angrily challenges the three non-conformists, but they still refuse to bow. (v. 13-18)

IV. King Nebuchadnezzar has Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego thrown into the fiery furnace, and God delivers them. (v. 19-25)

V. God gets the glory for delivering Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego out of the fiery furnace. Even the king worships their God. (v. 26-30)

VI. Four principles concerning how to live an upstream life in a downstream world:

Principle #1: Every generation will be forced to choose between God and the evil idols of their day.

Principle #2: God will test each of us at some level to determine where our true allegiance lies. (James 1:2,3; Acts 4:19,20)

Principle #3: Courage is the strength to do what's right when everyone else is doing what's wrong.

Principle #4: Courage comes from believing that God is able.

VII. Three ways God delivers us:

1. He delivers us out of the situation.

2. He delivers us through the situation. (2 Cor 12:9,10)

3. He delivers us unto Himself. (Psalm 116:15)