

Daniel 3:19-29 – Saved From The Furnace.

I. ([19-23](#)) Thrown into the furnace.

Despite the intense intimidation and threat, the men stayed courageous in their confession of faith. Everything was done to make sure that the three Hebrew men were quickly and completely burned; the furnace was to crush any rebellion against his decrees, literally his 'hell.'

II. (24-25) Four Alive In The Furnace.

Why did the King keep an eye at the furnace? If the guards were burnt up at the entrance of the furnace, it was impossible to survive inside. This reminds us of Paul and Silas breaking out of the Philippian jail in [Acts 16:25](#).

Nebuchadnezzar tells us who the fourth was - **the Son of God**. Jesus was literally with them in the worst of their trial. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego may not have seen the fourth Person, but they *knew* that **God** had preserved them; the revelation wasn't really for the men in the fire, but their tormenters outside.

God can deliver us *from* a trial, or He can miraculously sustain and strengthen us *in* a trial. The fire only freed them from the ropes.

III. ([26-27](#)) Out OF The Furnace.

Nebuchadnezzar recognizes that these men serve the *One God Most High*.

[John 16:33](#) - *In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*

"86 years have I have served him," Polycarp declared, "and he has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and my Savior?" Polycarp.

After many years in prison, Brother Yun escaped from Zhengzhou Maximum Security prison from which it is reported that nobody had previously escaped. He described how he heard the voice of the Holy Spirit, telling him to simply walk out the heavily guarded prison gate. Risking being shot to death on the spot, he walked straight through several prison doors that were somehow left open in front of many prison guards, across the prison yard and finally out of the main gate. Yun stated that it was as if he had become invisible to the guards who stared straight through him. It is reported that the official investigation by the Chinese Government concluded that "Yun received no human help in his escape."

James 1:2-3 - *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.*

2Corinthians 12:7-10 - *And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet [pound] me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

IV. ([28-29](#)) Nebuchadnezzar Acknowledges The Greatness Of God.

Nebuchadnezzar gives glory to God, he recognizes that this great God is not *his* God. He is still **the God of** these three brave men.

The trial had no power over these men because they were thoroughly submitted to the power and will of God.

- Our God saves

Psalm 34:19- *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.*

- Our God is powerful

Deuteronomy 10:17 - "For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.

- Our God is trustworthy

Deuteronomy 31:6 - "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

Proverbs 3:5-7 - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.*