



Prayer List:
 Sophia Kersten, Delpha Pearce, Brandy Smith, Edith Smith, Kay Johnston, Geneice and Derral, Robbie and Edwina, Tip and Phillis.
 Keith Pilgrim has been deployed.

Family and Friends:
 Shanna Battles, Tim Bridges, Curtis Lallance, Justin Siklosi, Leanna Shafer, and Galen Anderson, David Lemmons, Ed and Dana Johnson, friends of the Smiths.

WARNING: Exposure to the “Son” can prevent burning.



In the Military:
 Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors
 Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would like to have a record of your attendance. Please fill out a visitor card. We look forward to seeing you again.

Sermon Titles for today:
AM: Be Not Deceived (2 Thess. 2:1-4)
PM: Service at 1:15 following potluck.



POTLUCK
 Following the morning services. And don't forget the 1:15 worship

Schedule Of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
 Worship 10:30 A. M.
 Worship 4:00 P. M.
 2nd Sunday Potluck following the morning service. At 1:15 we will have a singing service.

Tuesday:

Ladies Class -- 10 A. M. (Sept. – June)

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7:30 P. M.

Our Preacher:

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God's Plan For Salvation

Hear: Rom. 10:17.
Believe: Mark 16:16.
Repent: Luke 13:3, 5.
Confess: Rom. 10:9-10.
Baptism: Acts 2:38.
Be Faithful: 1 Cor. 15:58.
There is no other way!

They Would Not Bend, Bow or Burn.

Toney L. Smith

One of the most courageous incidents in all the Bible is found in Daniel chapter 3. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, made a golden image and decreed that when the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psalter, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, everyone was to fall



down and worship the golden image. Those who disobeyed this decree were to be cast into the midst of a “burning fiery furnace” (**Daniel 3:5-6**). Three young captives would not bow down to his graven image. The king was angry and challenged them by saying, “... if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?” Their answer to him is remarkable. They are facing the possibility of being burned alive, and they

show a powerful faith in God. They answered him by saying our God can save us if He so chooses. However, if He should choose not to save us from your furnace, we will still not bow down to your golden image. Their faith in God was strong. They knew God could quench the fire, yet, if that was not the outcome, they knew their faithfulness would be rewarded (**Revelation 2:10**).

There is an old song that tells the story found in Daniel chapter 3. The song speaks of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who defied the king’s commandment because they trusted God. The old song says they would not bend, they would not bow, they would not burn. Our conviction today must be no less than these three faithful young men.

The faithful child of God will not bend. These three young men would not bend to the circumstances around them. Even in the face of horrible punishment, they would not incline themselves to that which was prohibited by God (**Exodus 20:3**). Their conviction would not allow

them to conform to the king’s orders. Paul warns about conforming in **Romans 12:1-2**. We must be living sacrifices, not giving in to the world around us. Be willing to give our lives to the cause of Christ (**Galatians 2:20**). These three young Hebrew men were willing to be burned alive because they would not betray God. Today, we will be tried and tested. Thus, we must decide whether we will serve the gods of this world or be faithful and serve the God of heaven (**Joshua 24:15; 1 Timothy 4:10**).

The faithful child of God will not bow. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not bow down before Nebuchadnezzar’s golden image. We can only imagine just how much courage it took to defy the king that overpowered Judah and had carried them into captivity. He was a king with powerful armies and had great authority. Yet, they were not tempted to defy the Lord. In fact, they told the king that God could save them from the king’s punishment! However, if they were not physically spared from this “burning fiery furnace” (**Daniel 3:11**), they would still not disobey the commandments of the Lord. We would do well to remember Paul’s statement, “What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us” (**Romans 8:31**)?

The faithful child of God will not burn. The king asked, “who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?” He was told, “our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace.” These Hebrew children knew they would be victorious no matter what the king did. They had faith, and their answer to the king demonstrated what faith truly means (**James 2:26**). We rejoice that their faith moved King Nebuchadnezzar to acknowledge the power of the Lord (**Daniel 3:28**).

These three young men are wonderful examples to us. They would not bend, they would not bow, and they would not burn! The same should be true with us today. If we will not bend nor bow to the idols in the world, we will not burn in the eternal fires of hell! Those who choose to follow the ruler of this world will be cast into “... a furnace of fire” (**Matthew 13:42**). The good news is that Christ “became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him” (**Hebrews 5:9**). By Him, all men can be delivered from eternal punishment.