

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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The Fiery Trial - Daniel Chapter 3

1. What are some of the things that can happen in life that can cause us to doubt our faith?
2. From the story of the 3 men in the fire, what aspects of their behaviour indicate real faith?
3. The King used music to get the people to worship the idol. In what ways can music influence us to build allegiances to someone or something?
4. What do you think made the difference between the Jews who worshipped the idol and the 3 Jews who didn't?
5. The three men said *God was able to deliver them from the furnace, but even if he did not, they would still refuse to worship the image.* What does this say about the understanding they had of God and his ways in this world?
6. Share an occasion where you had to go against the mood and the crowd to stand up for your faith.
7. List some ways we are expected to compromise within our culture to fit in with the general public.

8. How do you think it would feel to make a choice of faith, that you felt could lead to your own death?
9. What does this story say about how God will be with us during our fiery trials?
10. In what ways has God provided for you in the midst of trials when you chose to obey him?
11. Read James 1:2–4. What are some of the benefits of going through trials?
12. As we get close to the end of the world, what kinds of compromises will we face as people of faith?