

**Intro:** Today Talk about “Faith In The Fire! Not literal fire, but what we call the fires of life.

Those difficult times in our life when we are under pressure, or when our faith is put to the test

- Work, Family Situations, Relationship Gone Bad, Decision no Good Choice

Those times when it seems like everything is closing in, and there is no way we are going to make it to the other side without paying a price. Sometimes it comes as a direct result of serving God, and because of our faith, and sometimes it is just a part of life. Bible says, God allows it to rain on the just and the unjust

### **Faith In The Fire**

**Daniel 3 Pg 627**

#### **1. We Go Through The Fire For all Different Kinds of Reasons. Vs 1-15**

Many times people frame it as spiritual attack, and it is not. Not ALL struggles are a result of that

- **Circumstances** (Sinful World: Gen 3 Curse: Rom 8:19-21 Creation Groans)
- **Others out to get us** (Daniel Lions Den Dan 6 Warren: Not being paranoid)
- **Doing Wrong Thing** (Rom 13:1-5 pg 804; 1Pet 2:19-20 pg 858)
- **Doing the Right Thing!** (Here, Shad, Meshack, Abednego, Daniel Still Prayed! Lions, 1 Peter 2)

#### **2. God Doesn't Always deliver us FROM the Fire. Sometimes He Delivers Us THROUGH the Fire.16-18**

- **Pray the right Prayer**

Our prayer is almost Always the same: Spare Me! (Don't let me go through the difficulties.)

Keep in mind...That isn't the only prayer possible. Off the top of my head 6 others that Glorify God!

- ~Empower Me
- ~Teach Me
- ~Grow Me
- ~Prepare Me
- ~Equip Me for others
- ~Use Me

**So, If It is God's Will That You Go Through The Fire....How do you do that?**

- **Don't defend yourself “Don't Go to war”**  
1 Sam 17:47; battle is the Lords  
Psm 20:7; Some trust in horses, and some in chariots, we trust in the name of the Lord our God  
Luke 12:11: When you are called before rulers...don't be afraid...He will give the words)
- **Trust Him IN the fire:** Our God is Able to save us from Fire...He will save us from YOU  
If we go through the fire, He is able But if not!
- **Always Do the Right Thing:** Still we will not bow down!  
**Ask these questions:** What honors God? What advances the Kingdom? How do I glorify Him?  
**How can I be protected isn't always the right question!**

#### **3. When We Face the Fire the Process is Sometimes Unclear, But the Outcome is Certain! 19-27**

- **Sometimes He Delivers us** (not even the smell of smoke Vs 27)
- **Sometimes He Does not deliver us** (Hebrews 11 pg 852) Vs 32ff
- **He ALWAYS walks with us** (Dan 3:25 “I see four!”)
- **He ALWAYS honors those that honor Him**  
~by delivering us  
~by giving us grace to undergo the fire  
*“When God's children go through the fire, He keeps his eye on the flame and His Hand on the Thermostat!” Warren Wiersbe*

**Concl: How Do We Have Faith In The Fire?**

1. Make sure you are doing the right thing. (Don't Build the Fire!)
2. Be Wise when you face the fire. (Don't stoke the fire.) Psm 15:1  
Pr 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
3. When you aren't sure what to do...do the right thing!
4. Continue to Walk with God...Even If He leads into the fire!
5. Remember: You never know the truth of any circumstance...until you hear from God!

**Joseph:** You meant it to me for evil...God meant it to me for good!