

Who Is That God?

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Daniel 3:14-15, "Nebuchadrezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but 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?"

Whenever I read this scripture I note the pride and arrogance of king Nebuchadrezzar. Yes, on earth he was a powerful king, but he didn't realize that he was allowed to rule by God and now he mocked the Lord. Because he destroyed the nations that worshiped idols he thought himself to be above everything and everyone. God was about to give him a lesson in true power and he would learn that there was a God that was no idol, but a living God.

While the king liked Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

nego, he would not put up with anyone telling him no. Thinking he was being generous by giving them another chance, he became furious when they again refused to bow to his image. They respectfully told him that they would not bow to worship his idol even if he were to put them in the furnace. These three didn't have to think about it to come to their decision. As they told him that they wouldn't worship an idol and knew the risk, they also stated that they didn't know whether God would save them, or not. Either way, they knew what they would and would not do.

When king Nebuchadrezzar said, "What God shall deliver you out of my hands," he was thinking of all the nations that he had conquered. These nations worshipped idols that were made by men's hands and had no power. As the scriptures says they could not move, speak, see, or do anything, good, or bad. He had never known of a God who could do anything to stop him and so in his ignorance he thought himself to be unstoppable. A lot of people are like that today, not knowing God, they think that there is no one to tell them what to do. Only when faced with death will some folks think about what comes next.

King Nebuchadrezzar thought that he would throw these three rebellious men into the furnace and they would

be burned to death. That would be a lesson to everyone else who might think of resisting his orders. Wouldn't you have liked to have seen his face when he looked into the fire and saw these three men with a fourth person walking around in the fire? This was lesson number one, his men died but God's men lived. Lesson number two, the ropes, or chains, that they had been bound with came off in the fire as God freed them from the bondage and the fire.

Since they were not going to die in the fire, he called for them to come out of the furnace. He had a different attitude than the one he had when he ordered them thrown in. They were inspected by the assembled men around the king, as they looked to see what harm had been done to them. They suffered no damage at all, their clothes were not burned, scorched, and had not even picked up the smell of smoke. King Nebuchadrezzar had to admit that these men worshipped the true God who had saved his people from a painful death. He said, "There is no other God that can deliver after this sort." **Daniel 3:29.**

King Nebuchadrezzar asked the question, "What God can deliver out of the king's hand?" The answer is, my God can, the living God who created man, the earth, and all things. He can deliver from sin, death, hell and the grave.

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MUSIC TO STILL THE SAVAGE BEAST!

THE FIRST MENTION OF DAVID IN THE BIBLE IS TO BE FOUND IN I SAMUEL 16. KING SAUL, HARD AT WAR WITH THE PHILISTINES, HAS BEGUN TO SHOW THE FIRST SIGNS OF HIS MENTAL ILLNESS, DEEP MELANCHOLIA, IF NOT OUT-AND-OUT SCHIZOPHRENIA! IN THOSE TIMES, IT WAS FELT THAT MUSIC HAD A SOOTHING EFFECT ON THIS AILMENT, WHICH INDEED IT HAD, AND SAUL'S ADVISERS SENT FOR YOUNG DAVID, WHO WAS KNOWN TO BE AN EXPERT PLAYER. THEREAFTER, WHEN SAUL WENT INTO DEPRESSED FITS, DAVID WOULD PLAY AND SAUL WOULD BE SOOTHED AND REFRESHED, AND SOON CAME TO LOVE DAVID AS HIS OWN SON. HOWEVER ...

...DURING THE NEXT SIX YEARS, AS THE LAD GREW FROM YOUTH TO YOUNG MANHOOD, SAUL'S ATTITUDE BEGAN TO CHANGE—FOR DAVID SHOWED A FINE APPTITUDE AS A WARRIOR AND LEADER, GAINING GREAT POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE. SAUL, IN HIS DEPRESSED MENTAL STATE, BEGAN TO SEE DAVID AS A THREAT TO HIS OWN RULE, LET ALONE THE FUTURE RULE OF JONATHAN, HIS SON, WHOM HE TRIED TO ENTICE INTO KILLING DAVID—WHICH JONATHAN WOULDN'T DO BECAUSE HE WAS A CLOSE AND SINCERE FRIEND. BUT, UNDERNEATH THIS GROWING OBSESSION TO SEE DAVID DEAD, LOVE FOR HIM STILL REMAINED WHICH BECAME QUITE EVIDENT, IN THIS WRITER'S OPINION, WHEN, THE LAST TIME DAVID PLAYED FOR HIM, SAUL TOOK UP HIS JAVELIN (I SAMUEL 19) AND HALF-HEARTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO PIN DAVID TO THE WALL. THE TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, OF WHICH SAUL WAS A MEMBER, WAS RENOWNED AS THE GREATEST OF LEFT-HANDED MARKSMEN (JUDGES: 20-16) WITH SLING, SPEAR, OR ANY OTHER WEAPON OF WAR AND, FOR A WARRIOR OF SAUL'S GREAT CALIBER, TO MISS HIS MARK IN THE CLOSE CONFINES OF A ROOM, OTHER THAN ON PURPOSE, WAS IMPOSSIBLE! BUT IT DID SERVE AS A SIGN TO THE ESCAPING DAVID THAT FROM HENCE HIS LIFE WAS ENDANGERED, EVEN THOUGH THE KING DID NOT, PERSONALLY, INTEND TO HAVE DAVID'S BLOOD ON HIS OWN ROYAL HANDS!



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