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Introductory Thoughts

Consider the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who were thrown into the burning fiery furnace.

This story is sorely needed today because our faith will likewise be tested – 1 Corinthians 16:13.

God will be with and abundantly bless all who bravely make their stand for Him and His cause.



The Command – Verses 1-7

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold and set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon

Consider the pressures of this situation - who could resist such a command?

John 12:42-43 - Romans 12:2



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Faith Declared - Verses 8-18

Certain Chaldeans brought accusations against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

The king asked Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, "Is this true?"

Consider the profound faith of the three Hebrews.

Luke 9:26 – Hebrews 11:26 – Hebrews 13:13-14



Faith Tested - Verses 19-23

Nebuchadnezzar showed himself to be a real "hot head" and ordered the furnace to be fired up seven times hotter than usual.

Our faith will also be tested.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 - James 1:2-3 - 1 Peter 4:12-13



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Faith Victorious - Verses 24-30

The miracle here is one of the greatest revealed in the Bible.

Consider the awesome power of God.

God will likewise reward those who make their stand for Him.

Hebrews 13:5 – 1 Corinthians 10:13



Closing Remarks

We can take courage as we consider the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

God will be with all those who bravely make their stand for Him and His cause

Fiery trials will befall all of us. Let us boldly make our stand.

