

Daniel 3
Chapter 3 Walkthrough

3.1-7 – Introduction

- a) “image”
- b) “had set up”
- c) “When you hear”
- d) “Fall down and worship”

3.8-12 – Chaldeans & Nebuchadnezzar

- a) Accusation raised
- b) Key repetitions

3.13-18 – Nebuchadnezzar & “the youths”

- a) Nebuchadnezzar questions them -key repetitions
- b) Youths answer
 - i. “We will not serve”
 - ii. “Our God is able”

3.19-23 – Into the furnace

- a) Interesting repetition...
- b) Interesting details...
- c) Can you find the repetition?

3.24-30 – Resolution of the story

- a) Theology of 24-25
- b) More interesting details...
- c) **29 – “there is no other God who is able to rescue in this way”**

Week 1:

“God is in control over all the affairs of man, the nations, the earth, etc. This truth should affect the way I think and the decisions I make.”

Week 2:

“God’s Sovereign Reign extends to his complete knowledge of all mysteries and riddles; God is the source of wisdom...and shares it with those who fear him.”

Daniel 3 - Application

1. Tension of the story:

a. Will they worship or will they remain faithful?

- i. “fall down and worship”
- ii. “serve”
- iii. “which Nebuchadnezzar had set up”

b. Will they die or will they be delivered?

- i. The reason why they refuse worship of the false god (statue) is the same reason why they are delivered...

c. Daniel’s theological point: God’s Sovereign Reign extends to his ability protect and deliver; this God is the only true object of our worship.

2. Practicality of God’s Sovereign Wisdom and Knowledge

a. Do we struggle with idol worship?

- i. What were the people in this chapter worshipping and why?
 1. The statue...
 2. The king...
 3. *Themselves...*

ii. Do we have corresponding “idols”?

1. People we fear...
2. Love our own life...