

YOUR GOD IS ABLE TO DELIVER YOU

Daniel 3:17 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, faithful to God, refused to bow down to the golden image of King Nebuchadnezzar. They knew their refusal would cause the King to order them to be cast into a fiery furnace to their very certain death. Nevertheless, they obeyed the second commandment. They refused to bow down to the golden image of the king. Nebuchadnezzar ordered them thrown into the fiery furnace.

Nebuchadnezzar asked them, “who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” They answered him, “our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.” (Daniel 3:15-17) Nebuchadnezzar then ordered that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than normal. In fact, it was so hot that several of the men assigned to throw them into the furnace were overcome by the heat and died on the spot.

“The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them . . .” (Daniel 3:27) This is not fiction. It really happened. When Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace, he saw four men, not three. God sent an angel to protect the three men.

The Psalmist tells us that God does send His angels to watch over us and protect us. “Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge— no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:9-12)

Perhaps you will never be cast into a fiery furnace. Nevertheless, when there is no apparent way for you to escape or overcome a situation in your life, nothing is too difficult for God. Jesus says, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26) Jesus said this in regard to your salvation. But, if God can save you from the fires of hell, with God all things are possible in your behalf regarding your earthly needs as well.

Prayer: LORD, give me the faith of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to remain faithful to you no matter what happens in my daily life. Keep me in Your tender, loving care.

If God Himself be fore me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?

For no one can condemn me Or set my hope aside;
Now hell no more can claim me: Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me, No guilt destroys my peace;
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with His grace.

Who clings with resolution To Him whom Satan hates
Must look for persecution; For him the burden waits
Of mock'ry, shame, and losses Heaped on his blameless head/
A thousand plagues and crosses Will be his daily bread.

From me this is not hidden, Yet I am not afraid;
I leave my cares, as bidden, To whom my vows were paid.
Though life from me be taken And ev'rything I own,
I trust in You unshaken And cleave to You alone.

No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder, My fortress You shall be;
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever You from me.
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