

Sermon-Based Bible Study – Calvary Chapel Kampala
From Daniel 3:19-29 March 2017



IceBreaker

What was a difficult situation you had but had a narrow escape?

Have someone read Daniel 3:19-29

1. Nebuchadnezzar commanded the furnace be heated seven times more than usual. **What is the significance of it, especially the number seven?**
2. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were completely protected from the fire. **What was not protected from the fire, and how does it glorify God?**
3. **What are some other Biblical events where something that that happened – God protects a person and causes his enemy to suffer the punishment?**
 - a. Two suggestions for discussion:
 - i. Moses' staff eats the magicians' snakes (Exodus 7:1-12)
 - ii. Haman is hung on his own gallows but Mordechai is exalted (Esther 7:10 and 8:2)
 - b. **If God protected those people, can he protect you that way?**
4. Have someone read John 16:33. **Jesus guaranteed His followers would have tribulation. What did he also guarantee us in this verse?**
5. Have someone read James 1:2-4. Have someone else read Romans 8:28.
 - a. How should believers think about difficult circumstances?
 - b. What are some difficult circumstances you faced that made you grow spiritually?
 - c. How do you think differently about God now that you can look back on the difficulties and outcome?
6. To purify metal, like silver and gold, the metal is heated until it melts. Impurities float to the surface, and removed.
 - a. **How is this like going through difficult circumstances and growing spiritually?**
 - b. The impurities floating on the top and are removed is called dross. **When someone is under stress, what are the things that appear and must be taken away?**
7. Have someone read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. Paul discussed that Satan gave him a "thorn in the flesh." We don't know what this "thorn in the flesh" was. Some suspect it was some sort of eye problem.
 - a. **Do prosperity preachers and "prophets" mention this verses?**
 - b. **How many times did Paul pray for this "thorn" to be removed?**
 - c. **What did Paul end up thinking about this "thorn"?**
 - d. **Read verse 10 again. How should we regard "infirmities, reproaches, needs, persecutions, and distresses"?**
 - e. Many prayers focus on health and healing. **Why do we do this? Should prayers really focus on health and healing?**
8. Have someone read Deuteronomy 10:17. Focus on the last part, "who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe."
 - a. **What does that say about God?**
 - b. **How is God different than spirits being persuaded by rituals and incantations of African Traditional Religion?**

9. Have someone read Deuteronomy 31:16. Share your experience I you have ever prayed that God go before you before experiencing expected opposition.

10. What happened to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the end of all this?

a. **How does that impact your trust in God?**



End in prayer.