


Yet I Will Trust Him

Many people think that once we give our lives to God, all our problems should be sorted and all our prayers answered—that we will live a blessed life. When things don't work out the way we hope, this can often lead to a real crisis of faith. God is calling us to a deeper walk with Him—one that does not give up when God seems absent or His ways seem hard. In the first passage, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, has built a 90 foot statue of himself and ordered everyone to bow down to it. Some men have reported three exiles from Judah who are not being obedient to the command.

READ Daniel 3: 13-18 Underline each reference to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego (including pronouns) and mark each reference to God with a 

What was the choice set before Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?

How do they respond in v16? What do they mean by this?

V 17—by saying “our God is able to deliver us” - what are they revealing about their understanding of God?

When they say “he will deliver us” - what aspect of God’s character are they depending on?

V18—“but if not” - What do these three words tell you about the commitment of these three men?

When you remember what these young men had already been through by being exiled from Jerusalem, what are we learning about a deeper walk with God?

Nebuchadnezzar has the fire made seven times hotter and the three men are cast into it, fully clothed.

READ Daniel 3: 24-28 and mark as above.

What does the King see when he looks into the fire?

V 25 How are the three men described?

Who is with them?

V27 What is noted about them when they are brought out?

How does the King describe them in v28?

What would be required of us if we truly served God as they did? What would that look like in our lives today?

Daniel 3:13-18, 24-28

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king.

¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?”

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, 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. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” ²⁵ He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. ²⁷ And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

²⁸ Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

Habakkuk 3:16-19

I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.¹⁷ Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.¹⁹ GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

Job 13:15

Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face

Job 42:1-6

Then Job answered the LORD and said:² "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.³ 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.⁴ 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you make it known to me.'⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;⁶ therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."



2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Luke 22:41-42

⁴¹ And he (Jesus) withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed,⁴² saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Habakkuk has been told by God that exile is coming and that Jerusalem will be destroyed.

READ Habakkuk 3:16-19 and mark "I, my" with a  and mark references to God with a 

V16—what is the prophet's response to God's plans?

V17-18—what intentional choice does he make?

V18—what do the words "rejoice" and "joy" tell you about the depth of his decision?

V19 Despite not understanding God's ways, how does he still view God? Can we learn from this?

READ Job 13:15 and 42:1-6—mark as above.

In Job 13:15 what are the two things Job chooses to do? How is this helpful for us?

In Job 42:1-6—what does he ultimately have to confess?

How has this experience impacted his relationship with God? (v5)

READ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10—mark as above.

V7—what was given to Paul and why? How is it described? (see Job 1:1-12, Luke 22:31-32)

V8—how often did he ask for it to be removed and what was the ultimate answer?

V9—how did he respond to the answer he received?

V10 What does the word "content" tell you about the level of his response?

READ Luke 22:41-42—circle the words "if" and "nevertheless"

How does this prayer of Jesus set an example for us?

What is involved in saying "not my will but yours be done"? In what situation do you need to pray this?