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### *Devotion for November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021*

*"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. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.'"*

*- Daniel 3:28-29*

**Many of us know the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.** As the story goes in the book of Daniel, King Nebuchadnezzar built a large statue of gold. The height was 60 cubits (1 cubit is about 18" = 1.5 ft) and its breadth 6 cubits, making it 75 feet tall by 7.5 feet, and it was made of gold (if you are an archeologist, you might want to go digging for this statute).

Anyway, King Nebuchadnezzar required everyone to bow down to this statue as a false god. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would not bow down to it, because they believed and trusted in the one true God. Well, the king threw them all into a fiery furnace, but God sent His angel to protect them from the fire. When they finally came out of the furnace, their hair was not singed, their clothing was unharmed, and they did not even smell like the fire.

What a strong message for us today. Our God loves us and cares for us physically and spiritually. We can trust in our God; we are in His loving hands always. He is faithful. Most of the time we end the story here, where the lesson for us is to trust in the Lord. It is the message, but I think there is a bonus message and that is why I selected the above Bible passage. I think we see in this passage the result of the trust Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had in God and the loving rescue God did by sending His angel.

King Nebuchadnezzar recognized who the real God was and is. He gave his blessing and a decree throughout his kingdom. The king and all of his subjects heard about the true God. What a fantastic result of the faithfulness and trust of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: not only were they saved from certain death, but all of Babylon heard who the real God is.

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