

Then Daniel praised the God of heaven and said:
Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;
wisdom and power are his.

"THREE TESTS"
Daniel 1:1 - 3:30

1. What was meaningful to you from the lesson last week?

DAY 1 - READ Daniel 1:1-21

2. When Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem, what was taken back to Babylon?
- 3.a. Ashpenaz was to look for what characteristics in the choice young men?
 - b. What was he instructed to do with them and prepare them for what?
 - c. What new names were given the sons of Judah?
 - b. Why do you think their names were changed?
- 4.a. What did Daniel make up his mind not to do?
 - b. Have you ever felt the necessity of self-denial so that you might not be a stumbling block to yourself or someone else? Please share.
 - c. What do we learn in Romans 14:21-15:1?
5. Of what was the official afraid?
6. Describe the test Daniel requested and how he passed.
- 7.a. What did God give these four youths?
 - b. When presented before the king, what does vs. 20 say the king discovered about these young men?
8. How does Isaiah 39:3-7 foretell Daniel chapter 1?

DAY 2 - READ Daniel 2:1-18

- 9.a. Nebuchadnezzar had a troubled dream. Whom did the king call before him?
 - b. What is said in Leviticus 19:31?
- 10.a. What did the king want them to do?
 - b. What did they want Nebuchadnezzar to do?
11. What plea was made in vs. 10-11?
- 12.a. Daniel and his friends were included in the death decree. What did Daniel request of the king?
 - b. Whom did he gather with him to pray?
 - c. Do you have a prayer partner or a prayer group with whom you can share prayer to meet the needs in your life? Perhaps someone in your neighborhood or Bible study group is also looking for a prayer partner. What do we learn about prayer in these Scriptures?
Matthew 18:20
Luke 11:9-10

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DAY 3 - READ Daniel 2:19-49

13. The mystery was revealed to Daniel in a _____. How did Daniel respond?
14. When brought before the king, what did Daniel tell Nebuchadnezzar?
15. Briefly state the king's dream and interpretation from vs. 31-45.
Seen in the dream Representative of
16. Upon completion of Daniel's testimony, how did Nebuchadnezzar
 - a. acknowledge God?
 - b. reward Daniel?
 - c. honor Daniel's request?

DAY 4 - READ Daniel 3:1-18

- 17.a. What did Nebuchadnezzar erect and where was it located?
 - b. Who was present at the dedication ceremony?
- 18.a. What were the people commanded to do?
 - b. What was to be the punishment for disobedience?
- 19.a. What charge was made against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
 - b. What do you think might have been the motive behind bringing these charges?
- 20.a. When brought before the king, what offer was made to the trio?
 - b. What did they tell the king?
 - c. What similar stand did Joshua take in Joshua 24:14-15?
 - d. Have you taken your stand? What did Jesus say in Matthew 12:30?

If you have any questions about the Christian commitment, talk to your leader today.

DAY 5 - READ Daniel 3:19-30

21. In his anger, what order did Nebuchadnezzar give?
22. What was done to the three men?
23. What happened to those handling the trio?
24. What did Nebuchadnezzar see inside the furnace?
25. What was the condition of the men when they emerged from the furnace?

26. How did Nebuchadnezzar respond to this deliverance?
27. (IN-DEPTH) From your Bible knowledge cite other instances where God miraculously brought deliverance.