

Lesson 37 – Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

Opening Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Dear God, teach us to love and respect You. Teach us to remember You alone are God and You love us.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Memory Work:

Bible Verse:

There is no other god who is able to rescue in this way. *[Daniel 3:29b]*

Catechism: The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

Focus:

The three men would worship the one true living God alone. They believed their eternal salvation was worth more than even their own earthly life.

Lesson:

Daniel 3

King Nebuchadnezzar {NEB-oo-ken-EZ-er} made a very high gold statue. He sent messengers to assemble all the rulers to worship the statue he had set up. The rulers assembled to worship the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.



Messengers said, “People, when you hear the sound of the musical instruments all playing at the same time, bow down and worship the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever doesn’t

Some men came forward and brought charges against the Jewish people. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “Your Majesty, may you live forever! Your Majesty, you gave an order that everyone should bow down and worship the gold statue. There are certain Jews whom you appointed to govern Babylon: Shadrach {SHAD-rack}, Meshach {ME-shack}, and Abednego {ah-BED-nee-go}. These men didn’t obey your order. They don’t honor your gods or worship the statue that you set up.”



Then, in a fit of rage and anger, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Immediately, they were brought to the king. Nebuchadnezzar asked them, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, is it true that you don’t honor my gods or worship the gold statue that I set up?



When you hear the sound of the musical instruments, will you bow down and worship the gold statue I made? If you don’t worship it, you will be thrown into a fiery furnace. What god can save you from my power then?”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the King, “We don’t need to answer your last question. Our God can save us from a fiery furnace and from your power. But even if He doesn’t you should know we will never worship your gold statue.”



Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with anger that his face turned red. He ordered that the furnace should be heated seven times hotter than normal.



He told some soldiers to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to take them to the fiery furnace.



Then the three men were thrown into the blazing furnace.



King Nebuchadnezzar looked and was surprised. He asked, “Didn’t we throw three men into the fire?”

“That’s true, Your Majesty,” they answered.



The king replied, “Look, I see four men. They are untied, walking in the fire. The fourth one looks like the Son of the God.”



Then Nebuchadnezzar shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out.”

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire. The rulers all gathered around the three men. They saw that the fire had not harmed them. The hair on their heads and their clothes were not burned, and they didn't smell like smoke.



Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He saved His servants who trusted him. They disobeyed the king and risked their lives so that they would not have to honor or worship any god except their own God.



I order that all people should respect the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. No other god can rescue like this."

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to higher positions in the province of Babylon.



Review:

1. **What did King Nebuchadnezzar make?** A very large statue.
2. **What rule did he make?** Everyone must worship his statue, when the music plays.
3. **Three men refused to worship the statue. What were their names?** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego
4. **What did the king say he would do if they didn't worship his statue?** Throw them into the fiery furnace.
5. **What did the three men say to the king?** We cannot worship your statue. We only worship God.
6. **How did the king feel?** He became very angry.
7. **What did the king do?** Threw them in the furnace.
8. **Why was the king surprised?** He saw four men in the furnace, not three.
9. **What happened to the three men?** Nothing. Their clothes and hair were not burned.
10. **What did the king command?** All people should respect God.

Closing Prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Teach us to trust You no matter what comes. Teach us to remember that You will save us and bring us to Heaven some day.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.