

# APPLICATION

## 5 Keys to Thriving while Living in Babylon



### \_\_\_\_\_ to the True King

We have *purposed* to follow God over all

#### Our King goes \_\_\_\_\_ us into the fire

**Hebrews 13:5-6** – “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”



### Deep Ties to \_\_\_\_\_

We need each other’s fellowship and encouragement!

**DANIEL CHALLENGE #1** – Invite someone over for \_\_\_\_\_  
Make a commitment to *at least* a monthly meal with fellow believers from church. (*Who will you invite? When?*)



### Courageous Testimony: \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

We honor the earthly king – but we *obey* God

#### Faithfulness doesn’t prevent \_\_\_\_\_ – but it ensures \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 8:35-37** – “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”



### Reliance on \_\_\_\_\_: Daily and Urgent

Our *power* comes from God – not human might

**DANIEL CHALLENGE #2** – Start a ‘\_\_\_\_\_’  
Make a commitment to pray *FOR* others and *WITH* others.  
→ *When will your prayer time be?*



### Gardening with an Eye on the \_\_\_\_\_

Make Babylon *better*, while we wait for the *Eternal* Kingdom



# THE BOOK OF DANIEL

How to Thrive while Living in Babylon

## Part 8: “The Fourth Man in the Fire”

### TODAY’S TEXT: Daniel 3:14-30

#### 3:14-18 – Faithful: Whether We’re \_\_\_\_\_ or Not

- Nebuchadnezzar’s 99 foot tall monument of \_\_\_\_\_
- The demand for \_\_\_\_\_
- Facing the Fire: of Loss, Conformity, Persecution, and \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ to Face the Fire:
  - A Thoughtful and \_\_\_\_\_ Faithfulness
  - Say (*and remind yourself*) of what is \_\_\_\_\_
  - Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ God – despite not understanding

#### 3:19-22 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King

“Fury” = *ḥēmā’* = heat, fever, venom, burning anger

“Visage” = *’ānaḫ* = face, nose (*nostrils: rapid breathing, wrath*)

“Urgent” = *ḥāṣaḫ* = urgent, harsh, hasty, rude, overbearing, severe

**Daniel 2:15** – “Why is the decree so hasty (*ḥāṣaḫ*) from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel.”

“Exceeding” = *yatîr* = surpassing, extreme, extraordinary

#### 3:23 – Cast Down, \_\_\_\_\_, into the Flames

“Bound” = *kāḫat* = to bind, twist into knots, hobbled, chained, restrained

**2 Kings 25:7** – “And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to Babylon.” (586 BC)

**Psalms 107:10-12** – “Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; ... they fell down, and there was none to help.”

### 3:24-25 – The \_\_\_\_\_ Man in the Fire

“Astonied” = *tʰvah* = startled, alarmed, ‘sweeping to ruin’

“Loose” = *śʾrâ* = loosen knots, solve problems, unravel, dissolve

**Daniel 5:16** – “And I have heard of thee, that thou canst make interpretations, and dissolve (*śʾrâ*) doubts...”

“Son of God” = to be of the same nature, same essence

**Hebrews 1:1-3** – “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high... unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.”

**John 3:16** – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**Matthew 26:63-65** – “But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.”

→ Either Jesus Christ IS \_\_\_\_\_ and able to forgive sins... or else He was demonic liar or a crazed lunatic!

## CORE: Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith

- The Bible clearly teaches there is only \_\_\_\_\_ God
- God is **One** in \_\_\_\_\_ – but exists in **Three** \_\_\_\_\_
- The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each \_\_\_\_\_ God
- This ‘Tri-unity’ has always been \_\_\_\_\_ to our faith
- We choose the True God we cannot fully \_\_\_\_\_ over an imaginary god whom we could better understand.

For more? **Core Christianity #4: The Trinity** (3/03/2024)

### 3:26-27 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Fire

“No Power” = *lā' śʾlēt* = no rule, no mastery, no dominion

- Free of \_\_\_\_\_  
*The same fire that killed mighty men... left them unburned... not even smelling of smoke!*
- Free of \_\_\_\_\_  
*They fell into the fire, bound and chained by the king's guards... They walked out as free men.*

### 3:28-30 – The Blessings of \_\_\_\_\_

- A Powerful \_\_\_\_\_  
*They went in the only people crazy enough to defy the King... They walked out being proclaimed by that same king as the servants of the Most High God.*
- A Powerful \_\_\_\_\_  
*They went in hearing the name of their God being belittled: ‘what God can save you?’... They walked out to find it was now a crime to insult their God!*

## DELIVERANCE IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ THE FIRE:

God could have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ method for delivering them.

He could have spared them from going into the furnace, snuffed the fire out, killed the king, or parted the fire like He parted the Red Sea...

Instead, God chose to save them by going \_\_\_\_\_ them into the fire!

### In the Fire, We're Not \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 23:4** – “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.” (see also: **Romans 8:35-39**, **Hebrews 13:5-6**)

### The Fires are Allowed by God for a \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 4:17** – “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

→ Set \_\_\_\_\_: and given a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_!

**Psalms 107:13-14** – “Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”