



## “CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: DANIEL 3:1-30

TITLE: IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT, GOD WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT

### INTRODUCTION

- A. God’s Commandments \_\_\_\_\_
1. 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment – **Exodus 20:3**, *You shall have no other gods before Me.*
  2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment – **Exodus 20:4, 5a**, *You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them.*
  3. All of the other commandments that guide and govern how we are to live hoy and faithful to God
- B. The World’s expectation \_\_\_\_\_
1. To love the praise of humans more than the praise of God (**John 12:43**, <sup>43</sup> *for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.*)
  2. To love the world and the things in the world (**1John 2:15**, <sup>15</sup> *Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*)
  3. To fit in, join in and participate in the things of the world (**Psalm 1:1**, <sup>1</sup> *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful*)

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE WORLD’S EXPECTATIONS DO NOT LINE UP WITH GOD’S COMMANDMENTS?

- A. Externally \_\_\_\_\_
1. Jealousy and envy (The young men were outsiders)
  2. Accusations (They do not serve your gods or worship the gold image which you have set up)
  3. Direct confrontation (From the king)
- B. Internally \_\_\_\_\_
1. My God is God: *We do not need to defend ourselves in this matter*
  2. My God is Greater: *If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand*
  3. My God has a Plan: *But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up*

### DID THEY GET THROUGH IT?

- A. Sometimes, some things we must go through \_\_\_\_\_
- B. They had to go through the furnace \_\_\_\_\_
1. They were tied up and thrown into the furnace with their clothes on
  2. The furnace was heated seven times more than usually heated
- C. The Son of God was in the furnace with them \_\_\_\_\_
1. The heat that was intended to hurt them helped them
  2. They were walking in what was intended to consume them
  3. They did not look like what they had been through
- D. Stand With God And God Will Stand With You \_\_\_\_\_