

Who Is That God?
Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church
Daniel 3:14-15, “Nebuchadrezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?”

Who is that God? Nebuchadrezzar was about to find out just who that God was. Puffed up in his pride the king thought that the Hebrew’s God was no more than the idols that he worshipped. He was in for a shock to find out that he worshipped gods, but Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego worshipped the true God. The “gods” were nothing but false idols, but God is a living God who made the world, man, and everything.

Nebuchadrezzar thought to punish the three Hebrews for not obeying the order to worship his idol. He had a furnace and threatened to burn the three alive. His word was law and those who displeased him died. No one had escaped his rule yet, and he didn’t intend to have these three captives become the first. He would make an example out of them - at least that was the plan.

After giving them a chance to change their minds, he ordered them to be thrown into the fire. The soldiers who had the task of throwing them in the furnace died from the heat as the three fell into the fire. They didn’t die, instead they walked around the furnace with another figure who Nebuchadrezzar said looked like the Son of God. Their ropes, or chains, had burned off, but their clothes, hair, and bodies didn’t even smell of smoke. They came out like they were when they went in. The king and his people were astonished at the power of God who had changed the king’s command and saved his people.

Who is that God the king had asked. The answer was the God of the Hebrews. This is the only God, the God who created the heavens and the earth. The God who can calm the storm, cast out the evil spirits, raise the dead, save the soul, and do more than we can even imagine. This is

the God who calms us when we are troubled, afraid, or in grief. He is the one who takes care of those who put their trust in him. Like a father he provides for and cares for his children.

If we trust in the true God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, then we know who the God is that can deliver us from all enemies. In 1 Corinthians 15:26 we are told, “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” There are many trials and things that have to be faced in this life and the Christian has the promise of God being there to help in time of need. The believer is forgiven for his sins and given eternal life. If we die before the Lord comes back there is nothing to fear - Psalms 48:14, “For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.”

Who is that God who can deliver? He is the God of creation, the God who made man, and all of the stars in the universe. He is the God who made us and gives us life and hope. The idols that man has made are not gods, just some foolish idols made by foolish men. When the people who worshiped idols ran into trouble, it was not the idols that they cried out too, it was to the Lord.

Man-made gods can’t save, but the living God can, and will!

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HOW EASILY WE COULD HAVE DONE GREAT HARM TO KING SAUL !

FROM THIS SAFE HEIGHT THEY CAN NOT REACH US !

HO YE MEN OF ISRAEL! ANSWER ME, ABNER !

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