



## DGM Message Summary: Through the Fire

**Message Summary:** God wants to astonish your naysayers. Freedom for the three Hebrew boys came when they were willing to really lay it on the line. Sometimes, God puts out the fire in our lives and other times, He walks us through the fire.

### Spiritual References:

**Daniel 3:6**

**Daniel 3:17**

**Daniel 3:25**

### Key Points:

- Nebuchadnezzar, the king, made an image of gold.
  - He was considered the greatest king, and was brutal, but created beautiful gardens of Babylon - one of 7<sup>th</sup> wonders.
  - He was one of the instruments God used to defeat the Israelites.
  - Every vessel God uses except Jesus has imperfections.
  - He ruled much of the known world.
- The king built a huge statue 8 stories tall.
  - The king said at the time you hear the sound of the horn, you must fall down and worship the golden image of king.
  - He also said whoever doesn't fall down and worship shall be cast down immediately into the midst of the fiery furnace.
- The three boys who wouldn't follow the crowd became a threat to the entire nation.
  - Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were reported to the king.
  - The hardest choices in life are typically between what is right and what is easy, and the battle is almost always between the two.
- In a rage, the king gave the command to have the three boys brought to him.

- The king said, Shadrach, at the time you hear the sound of the horn, fall down and worship the image, but if not you shall be cast immediately into the midst of the fiery furnace.
- Shadrach said, “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.”
- Then the king said make the furnace 7 times hotter.
- Shadrach and the others were bound and put in the fire.
  - The king looks in and sees the four men are loose and walking in the midst of the fire unhurt and says there was a fourth man that looked like the Son of God.
  - Just because you’ve been thrown down it doesn’t mean you have to stay there forever.
  - God wants to astonish your naysayers. Let God do only what God can do.
- The ultimate prison we live in life is what other people might think or do.
- The freedom came when they were willing to really lay it on the line.
- Sometimes God puts out the fire; celebrate those times. Other times He just walks you through you through the fire.