

Surviving Babylon: Lessons from Exile

Daniel 3

Context: "The Furnace of Affliction"

Deuteronomy 4:20; Isaiah 48:10

'Exile' is where God _____ the lost,
_____ for Himself a people,
_____ us for eternity, and
_____ His glory.

Challenge and Opportunity: Nebuchadnezzar's Abomination – Daniel 1:1-15

Recall his dream in chapter 2 ...

*He proclaims that "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings ..." (2:47)
What happened to change his thinking?*

Genuine Tension and an Unknown* Outcome – Daniel 1:16-18

Why did they obey?

For us:

Enjoying _____ in 'Babylon' is _____ and _____, so don't expect it.
If _____, _____, and _____ are our aims, at some point we'll _____
_____ in this world.

We demonstrate that we are truly His at the intersection of _____ and _____.
A Christian's _____ to King Jesus must be _____ (including even our
_____, potentially).

Truly _____ is the prerequisite for _____.

The. Most. Important. Question.

"... who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" (Daniel 3:15)

Nebuchadnezzar expected this answer: _____.

But the 3 young men know the answer. *Do I?*

Lesson 2: I can demonstrate my fealty to King Jesus by _____ to the false gods of the age.

Some of those 'gods' are ...

But when you refuse to 'bow', be prepared for the _____ of 'Babylon' – Daniel 1:19-23

And do not _____.

Personal question: Where and about what will I draw the line?

An Amazing Rescue – Daniel 3:24-27

The Vindication of God – Daniel 3:28-30

Believers' Confidence in Christ Jesus:

God will deliver me _____ death or _____ death. Either way, I will be delivered.

In Jesus, we will be delivered from the "fiery _____" (Matthew 13:42-43)

As God was with the Three and with Daniel, so He promises to be with us in _____.

(Daniel 6:22; Zeph. 3:17-20; Psalm 46:1-3; John 16:33; Col 1:13-14; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Jesus desires to be _____ in and through us – both in our _____ and in our _____.
(Phil. 1:20-21)

We are called to be _____ unto death, knowing our sure _____.
(Revelation 2:10-11)

We, too, might one day face such a harrowing choice, but even in death, we will be _____
in eternity (John 12:25-26)

And Jesus is _____.