

# Fear and Coercion

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Join us tomorrow on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be part of the discussion.

Text: Daniel 3:29 "Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this."

For a deeper understanding of the sermon, read *Prophets and Kings*, chapter 41.

**9/11**

1. Do you feel that freedom was exchanged for the promise of safety after 9/11? Why or why not?

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## On the Plain of Dura

Reference verses: Daniel 3:1; 2:29-45

2. What was the purpose of making the entire image out of gold?

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Daniel 3:2-3 And King Nebuchadnezzar sent *word* to gather...all the officials of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. <sup>3</sup> So...all the officials of the provinces gathered together for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Invites all the government officials. They understand it is an act of worship. Also, Nebuchadnezzar is a loyalty test. Not a problem for idol worshippers. Only one group will be there for whom it is a problem, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

## The Mandate

Reference verses: Daniel 3:4-7

3. Look up the meaning of mandate and write it down in your own words. Are there any surprises as to its meaning?

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4. What were the three components of Nebuchadnezzar's mandate?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference verses: Daniel 3:8; 2:1-13, 24-28

5. Why would the wise men be the ones behind the idea of making the image and composing it entirely of gold?

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Reference verse: Daniel 3:12

6. What were the charges brought against the three Hebrew officials?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

Reference verses: Daniel 3:13-23; Ephesians 6:10-20

7. Who are we really fighting against in the trials and tribulations of life?

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### **Love and Freewill**

Reference verses: Daniel 3:24-25; Hebrews 13:5-6; Matthew 28:20

8. Even in your darkest hour, who is always present with you?

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"Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a "God of gods," able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him." – Ellen White, *Prophets and Kings*, 513.

9. Why is love and freewill so important to God?

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