

Digging Deeper: 3/10/24

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Daniel 3

Day 1:

Read entire passage: This sermon focuses on the testing of the 3 Hebrew boys and their faithfulness. Define faithfulness. Would you consider these Hebrew boys faithful? Is evidence a evidence of grace? Why or why not? What is evidence of faithfulness? In these passages where do you see faithfulness displayed? Today pray that when the tests of our life come, we will remain faithful.

Day 2:

Read: Daniel 3:1-6 : Today we consider the worship of Idols. What are idols? In this passage, the Idol is pretty clear; what is it? Describe it. Consider the 1st commandment and being obedient to it? John Calvin said that our hearts are Idol making factories. What has been an idol in your life or is there anything that you think could become an idol?

Day 3:

Read: Dan 3:3-7: The Government (or King) enforces persecution. This is a good place to begin thinking about how we obey Romans 13 (obey the Gov) and while remaining faithful to Acts 5 (Obey God rather than man). Where is the line for this judgement? How can you discern?

Day 4:

Read: Dan:8-15 Today we consider persecution. Consider the circumstances surrounding the fiery furnace. What New Testament passages might you point to about persecution. What did Jesus teach repeatedly about this? How should we anticipate and respond to persecution?

Day 5:

Read: Dan 3: 16-18: Here we see faithfulness to the Lord personified in these 3 Hebrew boys. Consider these words: "even if he does not". What does this say about trusting in the sovereignty of God no matter what? Consider Romans 8:28 and Romans 8:35.

Day 6:

Read Daniel 3:19-30. Here we see the delivery by God of these boys out of the furnace and the turning of the King. Consider today how your own salvation and our Lord's deliverance from the penalty and power of sin creates a testimony for this dark world and those around you.