

# “It’s Cool in the Furnace”

Sunday, May 22, 2022, 10:30 a.m.  
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI  
Pastor Jonathan DeCou  
*Daniel 3:1-30*

**BIG IDEA:** God is always with me everywhere I go.

*“Look!*

*I see for men, not tied, walking around in the fire unharmed,  
and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”*

*Daniel 3:25 (CSB)*

☞ **Arrogant SELF-INDULGENCE.** (v 1-3)

☞ **Ungodly WORSHIP.** (v 4-7)

☞ **Hateful ACCUSATIONS.** (v 8-12)

☞ **Violent RAGE.** (v 13-15)

☞ **Faithful DETERMINATION.** (v 16-18)

☞ **Severe TESTING.** (v 19-23)

☞ **Divine DELIVERANCE.** (v 24-27)

☞ **Unlikely PRAISE.** (v 28-30)

☞ **LESSONS (So, what am I going to do about it?):**

- Don’t take your own RESUME too SERIOUSLY.
- Don’t be part of LEADING others into SIN.
- Everyone else may not be as THRILLED with your SUCCESS as you would like to think.
- The MAJORITY OPINION is not necessarily the RIGHT OPINION.
- In LIFE and DEATH be sure to trust the SOVEREIGNTY of God.

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**Read:** Daniel 3:1-30

**Think:** As you consider the fiery trial of Daniel’s three friends, ask yourself the following questions: *What does King Nebuchadnezzar do and why (v1-3)? At the dedication ceremony for the statue, what was the King’s audience commanded to do? Why? By whom? With what result (v4-7)? What exception to this universal decree is duly noted (v8-12) By whom? Why would these people tip off the King? Why is the King so furious? What is the bottom line in the classic testimony by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego? What were they SURE about? What were they UNSURE about? How do you explain the mysterious fourth individual in the furnace? How do you suppose this experience impacted King Nebuchadnezzar?*

**Do:** Take a moment and think of who in this story you identify with most: The King with the colossal ego, the jealous advisors, the faithful young men. Discuss with some others how you (or anyone for that matter) remain faithful “if He does not” rescue you. Consider what you are willing to risk in order to obey the clear commands of God.