

- I. The Golden Image Dedicated and Worship Commanded (3:1-7)

- II. The Jews Accused, Tried, and Sentenced (3:8-15)
 - A. The Malicious Accusation (3:8-12)

 - B. Trial Before Nebuchadnezzar (3:13-15)

 - C. The Good Confession: The Power and Freedom of God (3:16-18)

- III. Deliverance Through the Fiery Furnace (3:19-30)
 - A. Into the Fiery Furnace (3:19-23)

 - B. In the Fiery Furnace (3:24-25)

 - C. Nebuchadnezzar's Response (3:26-30)

- IV. Application
 - A. An Example of Faith (Heb 11:34)

 - B. Civil Disobedience (Exo 1:17; Acts 5:29)

 - C. Fiery Trials Will Come (Matt 10:21-22; 24:9; 1 Pet 4:12-13)

 - D. Christ is With Us in Fiery Trials (Isa 43:2; Mat 28:20)

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What are the idols of our culture today concerning which you feel pressure to conform and bow down?
What does it look like to stand and give a good confession like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?
2. What are some fiery trials you have passed through? Which you expect to pass through in your life?
How does this passage comfort you and give you hope?