

His Glory Is Our Good or Come on Nebu light my Fire Daniel 3

Into the Lesson:

Some reflections or memories of fires:

Sitting around the campfire with friends and family (that's not to suggest family can't also be friends)-
Burning leaves on a crisp autumn day (check fire codes)-
A cracking fire in the fireplace (sometimes replaced with a video feed)-
The lighting of the Olympic torch-
The ravaging effects of a wildfire-
"...tongues as of fire..." (Acts 2:3)-

How does the lingering scent of most fires provide a reminder of both the good and bad of a fire?

Into the Word:

Reread Daniel 3 with an awareness of the contradictions we see from the preceding chapter:

2:24-

2:46-48-

As you read mark, highlight or circle with glitter the key verse or verses of the Daniel 3.

Not knowing the amount of time that has passed, but doesn't it seem the king and his entourage have rather short memories?

What are the indications that, "this has been building up"?

Throughout history, how successful has the "worship my god or die" (v.15) method of evangelism been?

How do verses 16-18 indicate these three young men remain steadfast even in front of the man who holds their lives in his hand?

What is the indication that even though the king has seen hand of God at work (vv. 26-30), he is not ready to proclaim Him as The One True God?

Into Life:

How does James 1:2-6 provide us with the proper starting point in our lives of uncompromising faith?

Although testing by fire may not be in our future, what type of testing might we face?

What are the indications that the time of testing may be coming and increasing?

How does Colossians 1:13 provide us with the reminder that we share common heritage with Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah?

How could meditating on Ephesians 2:13-18 provide us with the awe and wonder that may be sometimes lacking in our lives for Christ?

How would our lives look if we spent every day anticipating that God is going to do something amazing in our life and the lives of our neighbor that we have never seen or expected before?

How about the life of the church? Or our community?

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

- Daniel 3:17-18