



DANIEL

CONVICTION IN A CULTURE OF COMPROMISE

Daniel Chapter 3

Read Together

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- Unmoored hysteria of culture
- Consequences to followers of God
- Applications for Christians

Culture **Unmoored**

Nebuchadnezzar

Nebuchadnezzar did homage to Daniel and ...
said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a
Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since
you have been able to reveal this mystery.

Daniel 2:46-47

Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave
orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego;

Daniel 3:13

**Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed
be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego, who has sent His angel and
delivered His servants ...**

Daniel 3:28

As a result, we are no longer to be children,
tossed here and there by waves, and carried
about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of
men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming

Ephesians 4:14

Culture **Unmoored**

The Crowd

Nebuchadnezzar ... made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

Daniel 3:1

To you the command is given, O peoples, ...
that at the moment you hear ... all kinds of
music ... you are to fall down and worship the
golden image....

Daniel 3:4,5

**But whoever does not fall down and worship
shall immediately be cast into the midst of a
furnace of blazing fire.**

Daniel 3:6

The **anchored** attitude

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego

Do not make idols or set up carved images, or
sacred pillars, or sculptured stones in your
land so you may worship them. I am the Lord
your God.

Leviticus 26:1

...certain Chaldeans came forward and
brought charges ...There are certain Jews ...,
These men, O king, have disregarded you.

Daniel 3:7-12

Other Examples

Martyrs throughout history

Corrie Ten Boom

Harriet Tubman

Bibles to authoritarian nations

**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered ...
our God whom we serve is able to deliver us
from the furnace of blazing fire;**

Daniel 3:16-17

But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.

Daniel 3:18

Boldness

The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But
the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

Contrast

Unmoored

Hysteria

Idolatry

Violence

Vs.

Anchored

Boldness

Suffering

Glorify God

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery **ordeal** that has come on you, ... as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice ... as you participate in the **sufferings** of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his **glory** is revealed.

1 Peter 4:12-13 NIV