


When Faith Meets A Fiery Furnace
Daniel 3

THREATS TO DANIEL AND S,M,A		CH. 1 Defilement: <i>unclean food dilemma</i>
		CH. 2 Death threat: <i>dream dilemma</i>
		CH. 3 Death threat: <i>statue dilemma</i>

Dilemma: bow or burn (1-23)

- ❖ The King's insecurity is seen again, as he demands bowing to reinforce allegiance. The statue is 90' x 9' and gold plated.
- ❖ Court conflict (jealous Chaldeans) occurs later also in 6:3-5.
- ❖ Ethical conflict here: Obey civil authorities or God?
 - Obey gov.: Rom. 13:1-7, 1 Pt. 2:13-17
 - Disobey gov.: Acts 4:19, 5:29, Ex. 1:17, I Sam. 22:17
- ❖ S,M,A response = no assumption of deliverance, but awareness their fate is in God's hands—either martyrdom or miracle.

Deliverance: protected and promoted (24-30)

- ❖ An angelic protects S,M,A, note later in 6:22, 8:16, 9:21, 12:1.
- ❖ Again the King is ironically being re-educated and proclaims positive things about the Lord (47-49) and S,M,A prosper.

Why does God deliver these fellows? Jer. 27:12, 29:4-11
Why doesn't God deliver folks more frequently? 1 Pt. 2:20-22,
4:12-16, Mtt. 5:10-11, II Cor. 4:11-17

