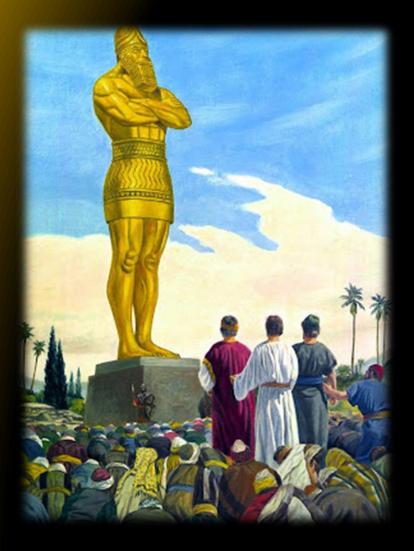


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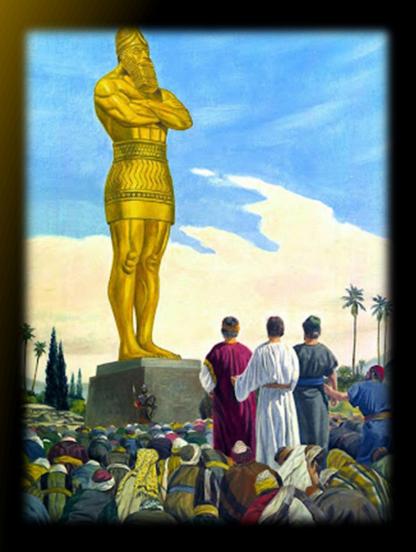
Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah

Lessons for life



- Freedom of worship in Judah led to complacency that was fatal.
- The world will always impose conformity, so be prepared.
- Daniel showed leadership in being prepared to make a stand on issues of separateness. Are we prepared to be leaders, or follow the flow?
- Daniel and his three friends saw their identity as servants of God. That consciousness enabled them to be single minded, resolute, purposeful, determined, and unwavering.

Lessons for life



- Music has the power to affect the fertility of our mind for spiritual thoughts. How fertile we want our mind to be will determine our choice of music.
- What we do when the "music starts", will be determined by how "in-tune" we are with God, and who our three friends are.
- Thank God for faithful companions.
- ≻God *is able* to deliver us out of trial.
- Better to face the furnace of affliction than the furnace of judgment. Deut 4:23-24; Matt 13:42

Lessons for life



➤ We only value the Truth according to what it has cost us. If we make sacrifices for the Truth's sake it will become a pearl of great price.

Daniel suffered because of the sins of his nation yet he showed no bitterness towards them. On the contrary he prayed for their forgiveness and deliverance.

Daniel and the three friends were men of integrity, they didn't have a 'palace life' and a 'personal life'