

Turning up the Heat

Read **Daniel 3:1-6** .. what do you think Nebuchadnezzar is seeking to do?

What do you think might have been going through the minds of Shadrach Meshach and Adednego when all the musical instruments struck up and played?

What ideas, habits and beliefs do modern Christians have that (a) bring them into open conflict with those around them, or (b) are misunderstood by those around them? (*Have a go at putting them in the categories below*)

Things I would die for

Things I would fight for

Things I believe in but happy to let go

The Response of Faith

Notice what Nebuchadnezzar doubts (v.15) and then have a look at vv. 16-18. What do you glean from the response of Shadrach Meshach and Adednego? How does this help you in thinking through your responses to people?

Rescued!

Shadrach Meshach and Adednego are rescued from the fire Ch.3 ... Daniel in Ch.6, is saved from the lions ... repetition that God is still alive and well and actively honouring those who honour him. What is the encouragement as you read the words of Darius .. **Dan.6:25-28**?

Does God always rescue His people? If so when? How? What from? If not why not? (c.f. **2 Tim.2:11-13, Romans 8:37-39**)

What situations have you found yourself in where you think God should rescue you?