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**Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing**

Bible Study

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### **MAKING A CHOICE**

In the book of Daniel Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (three Hebrew boys) was faced with making a choice. Their choice was to live according to the world standards by following the king's command (which represented the ways of the world) or to live for God by following his way. Nothing has changed today; we are faced with making a choice to live according to the world's standards or by following the way of God.

**The Kings Command:** *Daniel 3:1-7* a commandment given by the king (president) of the nation of Babylon. The King made a golden image of some deity or of himself and all the high government officials. (Congress, Legislatures, Senators, city and state government stood in agreement with the king). When every person, race, creed, culture, and religion heard the sound of the music, everyone had to bow down and worship the golden image (90 feet tall and 9 feet wide). Consequences for disobeying the king were to lose your life in an inhuman way by being thrown alive into a blazing fiery furnace and burned to death. These young men had to make a choice, obey the king and live or obey God and possibly die.

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| 1. Mess Makers                     | <i>Daniel 3:8-10</i>               |
| 2. Set up                          | <i>Daniel 3:11</i>                 |
| 3. Accused                         | <i>Daniel 3:12</i>                 |
| 4. Final warning (intimidation)    | <i>Daniel 3:13-14</i>              |
| 5. Bow or burn (make a choice)     | <i>Daniel 3:15</i>                 |
| 6. Take a stand (committed to God) | <i>Daniel 3:16-18; Deut 5:7-9a</i> |
| 7. Turn up the heat                | <i>Daniel 3:19-20</i>              |
| 8. Bound                           | <i>Daniel 3:21-23</i>              |
| 9. Not alone (protected)           | <i>Daniel 3:24-25</i>              |
| 10. Witness                        | <i>Daniel 3:26-28</i>              |
| 11. Converted                      | <i>Daniel 3:29</i>                 |
| 12. Promoted                       | <i>Daniel 3:30</i>                 |

Living the Christian life is not easy, we will face many challenges and choices; but always remember in the end we will win.