

DANIEL 3
SESSION THREE
NO SMELL OF FIRE
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1. Read Daniel 3:1-7.

The inspiration for building an image doesn't come from the Holy Spirit (Dan. 2:36-40).

Romans 8:29

Build an image for yourself that is brighter than your present reality. How would we know? In truth, if I am any different than what I seem – I'm an image builder.

2. Read Daniel 3:8-12.

Glance back at Daniel 2:48-49. The conspicuous absence of our resident “strong one” is a divine set-up to step up.

Respond to circumstances God has ordained for us.

3. Read Daniel 3:13-18.

Consider three different scenarios when people of God face a fiery trial:

Scenario A: We can be delivered from the fire.

Dividend? Our faith is built.

Scenario B: We can be delivered through the fire.

Dividend? Our faith is refined.

John 11:4; I Peter 1:6, 7

Scenario C: We can be delivered by the fire into His arms.

Dividend? Our faith is perfected.

Hebrews 12:1,2; I Cor. 15:26; James 1:12

What gods are we tempted to bow to when we are not delivered from or we're not delivered through? When we begin to think He's not coming through for me. (bitterness, anger, unbelief, despair)

Phil. 1:2 – circumstances have become a servant to the gospel.

4. Read Daniel 3:19-27.

The original language translated “son of the gods” (NIV) means “son of deity.”

The definition of *theophany*: a visible manifestation of God.

When the appearance is anthropomorphic, it may very likely be a preincarnate appearance of Christ.

An additional dividend of deliverance in the fire:

Their ropes alone were flammable (v.25).

5. Note the final description in verse 27.

Full deliverance means no longer smelling like smoke.

6. Read Daniel 3:28-30.

The way to avoid getting burned is to bathe in God’s presence.

7. The last mention of their names was in the context of God’s fame.