

The After Party: Ain't No Party Like a Praise Party

Daniel 3:26-30

1. The Furnace Experience: The testing, trial, and tribulation period in our lives. "16) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17) If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. 18) But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:16-18, NIV)
 - a. Trust God in the furnace: "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand." (Daniel 3:17, NIV)
 - b. Know that God is with you in the furnace: "24) Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 25) "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." (Daniel 3:24-25, NKJV)
 - c. Believe God: However God decides to answer you, know that God did what was best for you. "18) But

even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:18, NKVJ).

- d. When goes delivers you, let us praise God with you: "Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel and rescued his servants who trusted in him. They violated the king's command and risked their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God." (Daniel 3:28, CSB)

2. Let us see you!

- a. "When the satraps, prefects, governors, and the king's advisers gathered around, they saw that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men: not a hair of their heads was singed, their robes were unaffected, and there was no smell of fire on them." (Daniel 3:27, CSB)
- b. Tell your personal testimony in your way: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelations 12:11)
- c. Invite people to see you: "10) After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and doubled his previous possessions. 11) All his brothers, sisters, and former acquaintances came to him and dined with him in his house. They sympathized with him and comforted him

concerning all the adversity the Lord had brought on him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and a gold earring.” (Job 42:10-11, CSB)

- d. When you show people, it encourages them: “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting (encourage) one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)
- e. Sometimes you’re blessed to be seen. God is using you to be on display to the world.
 - i. “Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead.” (John 12:9)
 - ii. “Then the king rewarded Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon” (Daniel 3:30, CSB).

3. Let us see what God has done!

- a. “Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, “Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel and rescued his servants who trusted in him. They violated the king’s command and risked their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.” (Daniel 3:28, CSB)
- b. Praise God for the things you could not do for yourself!

- i. The Blind man healed for God's glory: "1) As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2) His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3) "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him" (John 9:1-34)
- ii. "6) When Herod was about to bring him out for trial, that very night Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while the sentries in front of the door guarded the prison. 7) Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. Striking Peter on the side, he woke him up and said, "Quick, get up!" And the chains fell off his wrists." (Acts 12:6-7, CSB)
- iii. "25) And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. 26) And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." (Acts 16:25-26)
- c. When we say "God gets the glory" we are putting on display God's power.
 - i. "1) O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above

the heavens. 2) Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." (Psalms 8:1-2)

- ii. You know God has done it when you have forgotten about it, and your reminder comes when God blesses you with it.

4. Let us see Jesus!

- a. The real reason we praise God is point people back to Jesus. Lifted hands is not only a form a submission, but directing others towards Jesus. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)
- b. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." (Psalms 121:1)
- c. "Testimonies must edify the saints and glorify God:" "9) not by works, so that no one can boast. 10) For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:9-10
- d. "2) My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3) Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." (Psalm 34:2-3, NKJV)

- e. Our goal when we praise God together is that somebody is saved:
 - i. “29) Then he (guard) called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, 30) And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:29-30)
 - ii. “Therefore I issue a decree that anyone of any people, nation, or language who says anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn limb from limb and his house made a garbage dump. For there is no other god who is able to deliver like this.” (Daniel 3:29, CSB)

The repeated Narrative in Psalms 150:

Praise ye the **LORD**. Praise **GOD** in his sanctuary: praise **HIM**
in the firmament of his power.

Praise **HIM** for his mighty acts: praise **HIM** according to his
excellent greatness.

Praise **HIM** with the sound of the trumpet: praise **HIM** with the
psaltery and harp.

Praise **HIM** with the timbrel and dance: praise **HIM** with
stringed instruments and organs.

Praise **HIM** upon the loud cymbals: praise **HIM** upon the high-
sounding cymbals.

Let everything that hath breath praise the **LORD**. Praise ye the
LORD.