



WE EXALT THEE, O' LORD

In this lesson you will learn of an Old Testament example of true worship and about the battle for worship.

I. Old Testament example of true worship – Daniel 3:1-30.

- A. Verses 1-7 – King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold and it was 90 feet tall. He wanted everyone to fall down and worship the gold image, and whoever would not fall down and worship it would be cast into the burning fiery furnace.
- B. Verses 8-15 – There were three Jews named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego who would not bow down to the image of gold.
- C. Verses 16-18 – The answer they gave to the king for not bowing down was, “If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up” – vv. 17-18.
- D. Verses 19-25 – The king said to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. When they were thrown into the furnace they did not burn, and a fourth man showed up in the furnace with them. If you don't bow you won't burn.
- E. Verses 26-30 – When they walked out of the fiery furnace the king said, “No other God...can deliver like this” – v. 29. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

II. The battle for worship.

- A. Isaiah 14:12-14 – The fall of Lucifer.
- B. Revelation 13:1-8 – In the end time, people will worship the dragon. Verse 8 – “All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”
- C. Revelation 14:6-7 – An angel spoke this, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water” – v. 7.
- D. Revelation 15:1-4 – There was a “sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete” – v.1. The angels sang, “Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before you” – v. 4.
- E. Revelation 16:1-2 – Then the angels poured out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.
- F. Revelation 19:9-16 – At the marriage supper of the Lamb we will worship Him alone. “He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God” – v. 13. He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When did you first begin to be a worshipper?
- Share a time in your life that you had to choose to not bow down to some form of idol.
- How has there been a battle for worship in your life?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week make a decision to not bow down to earthly idols but to call on the name of the Lord who will deliver you from the fiery furnace (a fiery trial you are going through).

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

Revelation 15:4 – “Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You.”