

Sunday Morning | September 3, 2017



## TRUST GOD IN YOUR FURNACE

**DANIEL 3:13-18, 24-30 (NLT)**

**PREVAILING TRUTH:** Promotion comes to those who pass God's tests.

**TRUTH:** What we worship is a prevailing test for blessing by Heaven.

### I. MODERN DAY IDOLATRY

Three observations:

1. The world has replaced God.

**TRUTH:** *American Idol* is more than a TV show; it's an expression of the human heart.

2. If you reject the world's image, people will seek to burn you.

3. Chasing God will make people angry.

**INSIGHT:** Three types of people occupy our world: stuck-ups, kiss-ups, and stand-ups.

### II. WHEN YOU'RE IN YOUR FURNACE

1. Trust God to defend you (Daniel 3:16).

**INSIGHT:** When you stand for God, trust Him to handle your critics and accusers.

2. Trust God to save you.

**TRUTH:** God can save, and God will save when our course is set.

#### **\*THREE STATEMENTS OF TRUST:**

1. Daniel 3:17a
2. Daniel 3:17b, based on God's promise in Isaiah 43:2-3a (NLT)
3. Daniel 3:18

\*When loyalty to God is set, three major ways God saves are set in motion:

1. God saves from a crisis.
2. God saves through a crisis.
3. God saves by a crisis.

**TRUTH:** God is more interested in our salvation than our security.

**INVITATION TRUTH:** If you trust God, He will walk with you in every furnace of your life (Daniel 3:24-25; Hebrews 13:5; Isaiah 43:2).