

**God Has a Man – God Has a Plan**

***Trusting in the Providence of God in the book of Daniel***

**Daniel’s Influence: I Stand on God’s Word**

Daniel 3

*The Crisis: God May Allow Matters to Get Worse Before They Get Better (vs. 1-15)*

“Many there are who have a certain admiration for the ministry and the word of God, but yet who themselves go on practically all through their lives strangers to Him whose word His ministers declare. This was Nebuchadnezzar’s condition exactly at this time. For in this third chapter we see that, instead of his being humbled by the revelation made, it simply served to exalt himself as one especially favored of heaven, and to magnify his thoughts of the human mind and his own greatness.”

**Harry Ironside**

*The Resolve: Trust in God’s Power and Wait for His Will (vs. 16-23)*

* Weigh the options
* Accept the consequences

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
    and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
    and the flame shall not consume you.  
**3**For I am the Lord your God,  
    the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

**Isaiah 43:2-3**

*The Rescue: Recognize That God Joins Us in the Fire* (vs. 24-30)

“Paradoxical as it was, the soldiers who fell outside, where there was no fire, died because of the fire; while those who fell inside, where the fire raged, continued to live without harm.”

**Leon Wood**

32And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— 38of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

**Hebrews 11:32-40**

fear not, for I am with you;  
    be not dismayed, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you,  
    I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Isaiah 41:10**

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