

In The Fire

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Daniel 3:24-30

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's stubborn faith led them to the fiery furnace. The king ordered the furnace stoked to maximum heat. The men were tied up and tossed inside. It was so hot that the soldiers who did the tossing died. We are not told the crowd's reaction to this terrifying scene—perhaps all was silent except the roaring flames. In any case, the king's voice is soon heard, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" (v. 24). Where there had been three, there were now four. They were walking about in the midst of the flames and nothing had been burned, except the ropes that once bound them!

What a remarkable deliverance! No one, including the three men tossed into the flames, believed their deliverance was assured. They would be either martyrs or miracles.

This time, they were miracles. It was the divine presence that made all the difference. The fourth figure in the fire met them there. Three came out but the divine presence remained, ready to meet us in our fiery trial.

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