

ROMANS Lesson 23

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FIRST DAY

Read the Lesson 22 Notes

SECOND DAY

Read Romans 13:1

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QUESTION 5

Daniel 3

^[3:1] King Nebuchadnezzar had a golden statue made. It was 90 feet tall and 9 feet wide. He erected it on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ^[2] Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent out a summons to assemble the satraps, prefects, governors, counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the other authorities of the province to attend the dedication of the statue that he had erected. ^[3] So the satraps, prefects, governors, counselors, treasurers, judges, magistrates, and all the other provincial authorities assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had erected. They were standing in front of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had erected.

^[4] Then the herald made a loud proclamation: "To you, O peoples, nations, and language groups, the following command is given: ^[5] When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipes, and all kinds of music, you must bow down and pay homage to the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has erected. ^[6] Whoever does not bow down and pay homage will immediately be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire!"

^[7] Therefore when they all heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipes, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, nations, and language groups began bowing down and paying homage to the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had erected.

^[8] Now at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought malicious accusations against the Jews.

^[9] They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ^[10] You have issued an edict, O king, that everyone must bow down and pay homage to the golden statue when they hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipes, and all kinds of music. ^[11] And whoever does not bow down and pay homage must be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire. ^[12] But there are Jewish men whom you appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—and these men have not shown proper respect to you, O king. They don't serve your gods, and they don't pay homage to the golden statue that you have erected."

^[13] Then Nebuchadnezzar in a fit of rage demanded that they bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego before him. So they brought them before the king.

^[14] Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you don't serve my gods and that you don't pay homage to the golden statue that I erected? ^[15] Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, trigon, harp, pipes, and all kinds of music, you must bow down and pay homage to the statue that I had made. If you don't pay homage to it, you will immediately be thrown into the midst of the furnace of blazing fire. Now, who is that god who can rescue you from my power?" ^[16] Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to King Nebuchadnezzar, "We do not need to give you a reply concerning this. ^[17] If our God whom we are serving exists, he is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he will rescue us, O king,

from your power as well. ^[18] But if he does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we don't serve your gods, and we will not pay homage to the golden statue that you have erected."

^[19] Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and his disposition changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He gave orders to heat the furnace seven times hotter than it was normally heated. ^[20] He ordered strong soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. ^[21] So those men were tied up while still wearing their cloaks, trousers, turbans, and other clothes, and were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. ^[22] But since the king's command was so urgent, and the furnace was so excessively hot, the men who escorted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were killed by the leaping flames. ^[23] But those three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell into the furnace of blazing fire while still securely bound.

^[24] Then King Nebuchadnezzar was startled and quickly got up. He said to his ministers, "Wasn't it three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied to the king, "For sure, O king." ^[25] He answered, "But I see four men, untied and walking around in the midst of the fire! No harm has come to them! And the appearance of the fourth is like that of a god!"

^[26] Then Nebuchadnezzar approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire. He called out, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the most high God, come out! Come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego emerged from the fire. ^[27] Once the satraps, prefects, governors, and ministers of the king had gathered around, they saw that those men were physically unharmed by the fire. The hair of their heads was not singed, nor were their trousers damaged. Not even the smell of fire was to be found on them!

^[28] Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, "Praised be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent forth his angel and has rescued his servants who trusted in him, ignoring the edict of the king and giving up their bodies rather than serve or pay

homage to any god other than their God! ^[29] I hereby decree that any people, nation, or language group that blasphemes the God of Shadrach, Meshach, or Abednego will be dismembered and his home reduced to rubble! For there exists no other god who can deliver in this way." ^[30] Then Nebuchadnezzar promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon. (NET)

Daniel 6

^[6:1] It seemed like a good idea to Darius to appoint over the kingdom 120 satraps who would be in charge of the entire kingdom. ^[2] Over them would be three supervisors, one of whom was Daniel. These satraps were accountable to them, so that the king's interests might not incur damage. ^[3] Now this Daniel was distinguishing himself above the other supervisors and the satraps, for he had an extraordinary spirit. In fact, the king intended to appoint him over the entire kingdom. ^[4] Consequently the supervisors and satraps were trying to find some pretext against Daniel in connection with administrative matters. But they were unable to find any such damaging evidence because he was trustworthy and guilty of no negligence or corruption. ^[5] So these men concluded, "We won't find any pretext against this man Daniel unless it is in connection with the law of his God."

^[6] So these supervisors and satraps came by collusion to the king and said to him, "O King Darius, live forever! ^[7] To all the supervisors of the kingdom, the prefects, satraps, counselors, and governors it seemed like a good idea for a royal edict to be issued and an interdict to be enforced. For the next 30 days anyone who prays to any god or human other than you, O king, should be thrown into a den of lions. ^[8] Now let the king issue a written interdict so that it cannot be altered, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed." ^[9] So King Darius issued the written interdict.

^[10] When Daniel realized that a written decree had been issued, he entered his home, where the windows in his upper room opened toward

Jerusalem. Three times daily he was kneeling and offering prayers and thanks to his God just as he had been accustomed to do previously. ^[11] Then those officials who had gone to the king came by collusion and found Daniel praying and asking for help before his God. ^[12] So they approached the king and said to him, “Did you not issue an edict to the effect that for the next 30 days anyone who prays to any god or human other than to you, O king, would be thrown into a den of lions?” The king replied, “That is correct, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed.” ^[13] Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the edict that you issued. Three times daily he offers his prayer.”

^[14] When the king heard this, he was very upset and began thinking about how he might rescue Daniel. Until late afternoon he was struggling to find a way to rescue him. ^[15] Then those men came by collusion to the king and said to him, “Recall, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no edict or decree that the king issues can be changed.” ^[16] So the king gave the order, and Daniel was brought and thrown into a den of lions. The king consoled Daniel by saying, “Your God whom you continually serve will rescue you!” ^[17] Then a stone was brought and placed over the opening to the den. The king sealed it with his signet ring and with those of his nobles so that nothing could be changed with regard to Daniel. ^[18] Then the king departed to his palace. But he spent the night without eating, and no diversions were brought to him. He was unable to sleep.

^[19] In the morning, at the earliest sign of daylight, the king got up and rushed to the lions’ den. ^[20] As he approached the den, he called out to Daniel in a worried voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, was your God whom you continually serve able to rescue you from the lions?”

^[21] Then Daniel spoke to the king, “O king, live forever! ^[22] My God sent his angel and closed the lions’ mouths so that they have not harmed me because I was found to be innocent before him. Nor have I done any harm to you, O king.”

^[23] Then the king was delighted and gave an order to haul Daniel up from the den. So Daniel was hauled up out of the den. He had no injury of any kind because he had trusted in his God. ^[24] The king gave another order, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the lions’ den—they, their children, and their wives. They did not even reach the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones.

^[25] Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and language groups who were living in all the land: “Peace and prosperity!”

^[26] I have issued an edict that throughout all the dominion of my kingdom people are to revere and fear the God of Daniel. “For he is the living God; he endures forever. His kingdom will not be destroyed; his authority is forever.

^[27] He rescues and delivers and performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions!”

^[28] So this Daniel prospered during the reign of Darius and the reign of Cyrus the Persian. (NET)

Acts 5:29

^[29] But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than people. (NET)

THIRD DAY

Read Romans 13:2-4

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^[2] So the person who resists such authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will incur judgment ^[3] (for rulers cause no fear for good conduct but for bad). Do you desire not to fear authority? Do good and you will receive its commendation ^[4] because it is God’s servant for your well-being. But be afraid if you do wrong because government does not bear the sword for nothing. It is God’s servant to administer punishment on the person who does wrong. (NET)

FOURTH DAY

Read Romans 13:5-7

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^[5] Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of the wrath of the authorities but also because of your conscience. ^[6] For this reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants devoted to governing. ^[7] Pay everyone what is owed: taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. (NET)

FIFTH DAY

Reread Romans 13:1-7

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SIXTH DAY

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