"Men On Fire" - Daniel 3

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Introduction

- **1.** Daniel is a book of Prophecy and People. It has an outline of the ages, views of the end times and of people with great faith like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.
- 2. Tonight's lesson is about three men who were tried by fire and came away unburned...
 - a. The Great Image Daniel 3:1-7
 - **b.** Bow Or Burn Daniel 3:8-15
 - c. They Refused To Bow...But Did Not Burn Daniel 3:16-27
 - d. God Was Glorified And The Three Prospered Daniel 3:28-30

I. Lessons From The Men On Fire

- a. They Were Different (v12)
 - i. They had no regard for the king or his gods, nor his golden image
 - ii. Jesus was different too
 - iii. We are to be different, changed by the power of the gospel
 - 1. Born again, new creatures Romans 6:3-4
 - 2. Changed like the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
 - 3. Changed like Paul (Philippians 3:7-10)
- **b.** They Were Daring (v16)
 - i. "We do need to give you an answer concerning this matter"
 - ii. They demonstrated faith...
 - 1. In the power of God & in the will of God (v16-18)
 - iii. The Thrill of New Christianity
 - iv. Then we become careful
 - v. The walk of faith is a daring walk (John 15:18-21; 2 Timothy 2:3; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:1-6; Revelation 2:10)
- **c.** They were dedicated (v17-18)
 - i. He is able to deliver us
 - ii. But even if He doesn't we will still be true
 - iii. Many have become angry with God
 - iv. But notice their total commitment (much like Jesus in Gethsemane)

Conclusion

- 1. They Were Delivered (v25-27)
 - a. And what a deliverance!
 - **b.** Why??? Because they were already on fire!
 - c. Wanted: Men on Fire!