

# “Why Three Hebrew Men Could Not Bow Down”

Lesson Text: **Daniel 3:1-30.**

## I. Bowing Down Meant Going Against God’s Decree.

- **Daniel 3:7-12.**
- They Knew King Nebuchadnezzar's Decree- **Daniel 3:1-6**, But Could Not Bow!
- **Exodus 20:1-6.** That’s Why They Refused To Bow Down!
- They Respected God’s Word & Commandment! **Acts 5:29.**
- Today, We Still Respect The Lord’s Commands- **1 John 5:2-4.**

## II. Bowing Down Meant Going Against Truth & Reality.

- **Daniel 3:13-17.** These Three Men Knew The Truth About Idolatry!
- It Wasn’t Just That God Said Not To Bow Down To Idols— They Weren’t Real!  
– **Psalm 115:4-8; Habakuk 2:18-20.**
- Idols Were Not Real Gods At All, And Thus Not Proper Objects Of Worship.
- Bowing Down Would Be A Lie Against The Truth! **Romans 1:20-25.**
- Bowing Down Would Give Credibility To The Idol As Legitimate Worship.

## III. Bowing Down Meant Compromise Of Their Convictions.

- **Daniel 3:18.**
- Just Like In Daniel Chapter 1, Convictions Matter!
- This Time, It Is Daniel’s Friends Who Are Holding Fast To Their Beliefs!
- Some Will Have Convictions On Certain Things, But When Pressed Will Give Up...  
– But Not These Three Men! They Were Willing To Die For Their Convictions.
- They Were Brave In Standing Firm In Their Convictions— They Knew What They Believed!
- We Must Too- **1 Corinthians 16:13.**

## IV. Bowing Down Meant Punishment From Heaven’s King.

- **Daniel 3:19-24.** Notice Nebuchadnezzar’s Wrath.
- They Feared The God of Heaven’s Wrath More Than Nebuchadnezzar’s.
- **Psalm 27:1; 118:6; Matthew 10:28.**
- All Men Ought To Fear God More! **Hebrews 10:31.**

## V. Bowing Down Meant No Influence For God Would Be There.

- **Daniel 3:28-30.**
- It Wasn’t Coincidence Or By Accident That They Were There In Babylon,  
– It Was God’s Providence!
- They Were There To Influence Others For God! Much like, **Esther 4:14.**
- Who Else Would Have Stood Up To The King That Day, For God’s Side?
- Because Of Their Refusal To Bow Down, Idolatry Was Challenged, And God Was  
– Shown To Be The Only True Object Worthy Of Worship.
- Could We Be Placed In Similar Situations To Help Others See The Wrongness Of  
– Cultural Sins We Asked To Bow Down To Today? **Matthew 5:13-16** (Salt & Light).