

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Daniel 3:19-28
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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. What did Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refuse to do? (see Daniel 3:17-18)

They refused to obey King Nebuchadnezzar and would not bow down or pretend to worship before a giant gold statue.

2. What did Nebuchadnezzar say and do when they refused to obey him?

After giving them an opportunity to change their minds, Nebuchadnezzar was enraged and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the fiery furnace to be made totally hot and for his strongest soldiers to throw them into the furnace. He told them no god could save them from his hand.

3. What did Nebuchadnezzar see in the furnace?

He said he saw a fourth person who looked to him like a son of the gods or an angel walking with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the furnace, and they were all unharmed.

4. What title did Nebuchadnezzar use for God? What do you think that title might have meant to him?

He gave the true God the title of “Most High God.” The title might have meant to him that the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego was the highest God above all the other gods that he worshiped.

5. Did God have good reasons for saving Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fiery furnace? What are some of the good things that came from their experience?

Yes. He demonstrated for all to see that He is the God who could deliver Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the hand of the king and a perfectly hot fiery furnace. God showed His saving power and ability to honor, save, and even promote in the court of a pagan king those who trust in and worship Him alone. The king legalized the worship of the true God for the Jews, and he promised punishment for those who persecuted them.