

“We Will Not Bow”
Daniel 3: 1-18

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What does sovereign mean?

God's ultimate rule over His creation

**Nebuchadnezzar demanded that all
bow to his idol**

**What the world does not
understand:**

We cannot bow!

We must not bow!!

We will not bow!!!

***God will give you the strength
not to bow!!***

Verse 1 - 7

We will not bow - *the setting*

Why did Nebuchadnezzar make the image?

A demonstration of arrogance and pride

Who is behind this pride decision?

The god of this age - Satan!

Recall: Our battle is not a flesh and blood battle, but a spiritual battle - **Ephesians 6: 12**

The image is impressive:

Height - 60 cubits = 90 feet

Width - 6 cubits = 9 feet

The command:

BOW OR DIE!

This is a picture of what anti-christ will demand in the Tribulation Period - Revelation 13: 11-18

What is the Tribulation Period?

A period of 7 years when God pours out His wrath on an unbelieving, rebellious, God-hating earth

Verse 8 - 12

We will not bow - *the accusation*

The accusation:

**Certain Jews (*wreaks of prejudice*)
do not serve or worship your
gods or image**

**The Babylonian world is
demanding the people of God
worship an idol**

What the world does not understand: We cannot bow
We will not bow!!

Exodus 20: 4-5

Psalm 24: 1-5

1 Corinthians 10: 6 and 11

Most Jews bowed. The majority were indoctrinated; only a remnant (3) would not bow

The pressure to compromise, to bow, to conform, or to fit in, is enormous - **it's getting WORSE!!**

Will you cave or will you stand?

This remains to be seen for each of us!!

A MUST: *Be prepared in advance!*

Like Daniel, purpose in your heart not to defile yourself

A prepared life,
a life dwelling at home in Christ,
**is the only way to stand when
the test comes!**

Verse 13 - 18

We will not bow - *the test*

The test is simple: ***BOW OR DIE***

In the face of Nebuchadnezzar's rage and facing a horrible death, they draw their strength from God!

Remember this when tested:

- 1) There are all kinds of tests in life - James 1: 2
- 2) God will give you strength at the time

3) God gave Polycarp, the Bishop of Smyrna, strength at the time

4) God gave Corrie Ten-Boom strength at the time

IF, like Polycarp, Corrie and the martyrs throughout the ages, if you are living life at home in Christ, **JESUS WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH AT THE TIME!!**

A MUST TO NOT BOW:

**BE ALL IN - *NOT TOE-IN*
*CHRISTIANITY***

It's His strength in you!!

CONCLUSION: *We Will Not Bow!*

Never! - *Never!!* - *Never forget!!!*

- **Abide in Christ**
- **Be all in**
- **Know that God will give you the strength at the time when you most need it - *to take a stand and not bow in the trial***

WE Cannot Bow!

We Must Not Bow!!

WE WILL NOT BOW!!!