"God Will Get Your Attention" Daniel 3: 19-30

Over the course of your life, God is revealing Himself to you over and over:

- 1) <u>Creation</u> "the heavens declare the glory of God"
- 2) The Holy Spirit is calling loud and clear John 16: 8; Revelation 22: 17
- 3) Father is drawing John 6: 44
- 4) Jesus is drawing John 12: 32

What Nebuchadnezzar is learning and what we must learn:

GOD IS ALWAYS AT WORK AROUND YOU!!

When the heat is turned up in your life, remember:

The essence of <u>FAITH</u> is the willingness to serve God without a guarantee!!

Verse 19 - 23

God will get your attention - Sometimes God turns up the heat

Nebuchadnezzar has out of control anger -

Out of control anger can have devastating long-term consequences - mighty men die!

Side note on anger:

Proverbs 16: 32

James 1: 19-20

The heat can be turned up by mankind - persecution

2 Timothy 3: 12
Philippians 1: 29

When persecuted KEY WORD: Trust God!!

God's promise: He will be with us through the trial, regardless of the outcome - Isaiah 43: 2-3

God was with these 3 lads - they were delivered

God was with Stephen - he was martyred and died

In both circumstances, God was with them in a special way!

The heat can be turned up by Satan - he uses fiery darts

Your protection: the shield of faith

Satan's darts: temptation, discouragement, inadequacies, etc.

When the darts fly

KEY WORDS: Submit and Resist!

James 4: 3

The heat can be turned up by God - WHUTT? Really?? Really!!

There are fiery trials prepared by God: James 1: 2-4

Romans 5: 3-5

KEY WORD: Maturity

Conformed to the

likeness of Christ

Verse 24 - 25 God will get your attention Miracles

Yes!! God still does miracles!!

Do you really want to see a miracle?

If so, you must be in miracle country. You must be in the midst of the impossible for a miracle to occur

Bottom line: God is getting Nebuchadnezzar's attention!

Nothing is impossible with God!!!

Remember: The miracle is <u>God's</u>

<u>presence</u> in the fiery trial

Hebrews 11: 30-35:

There were great, miraculous results through faith!

Hebrews 11: 36-38:

Others were tortured and not delivered; yet, they also had a great result "a good testimony through faith".

The essence of <u>Faith</u> is the willingness to serve God without a guarantee!!

Bottom Line:

The Lord either saves us out of the troubles, or is with us in the troubles

BOTH ARE MIRACLES!!!

Serse 26 - 30 God will get your attention - Why? To know the true God

The goal for Nebuchadnezzar, and the goal for all of us, is to know the true God!

When facing the impossible, remember <u>Jeremiah 32: 26</u> - "I am the Lord, the God of all mankind, is anything too hard for me."

No!!! Nothing is impossible with God!

When God gets our attention, we realize, like Nebuchadnezzar, "there is no other God who can deliver like this".

CONCLUSION: God Will Get Your Attention

God will get your attention -

God is always at work around you, revealing Himself -

You are special to God -

So much so that He sent His Only Begotten Son to die for your sins THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW THE TRUE GOD!!

HAS GOD GOTTEN YOUR ATTENTION??