**THEY DEFIED THE KING’S COMMAND**

Daniel 3:1-30

Key Verses 3:28b “They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”

1. Why did King Nebuchadnezzar command people to worship the image of gold? (1; 2:31,38) What was the punishment for disobedience? (6)

2. What did certain astrologers accuse Daniel’s three friends of doing? (8-12) What was King Nebuchadnezzar’s warning to them? (13-15)

3. Why did Daniel’s three friends disobey the king’s command? (12; Exodus 20:4-5) What did they believe about God? (17; Exodus 15:2) How could they disobey the king’s command even if God may not save them? (18; Luke 12:4-5)

4. Why was Nebuchadnezzar so furious? (19) What happened to the three friends as they were thrown into the furnace? (20-25) When he called the three friends to come out, what shocked him and his officials? (26-27)

5. What was King Nebuchadnezzar’s confession and proclamation? (28-29)