

## DANIEL 3 THE POWER OF SUBMISSION

### INTRODUCTION

In the first three chapters of the Book of Daniel we see a pattern of successive problems. But while Satan is persistent in trying to wear down God's people, God is also doggedly determined in His commitment to honour those who honour Him. John Calvin wrote: "*The church of Christ has been so constituted from the beginning that death has been the way to life, and the cross the path to victory.*"

### NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S CHALLENGE

Nebuchadnezzar made a huge golden statue of himself - a perversion of the statue in the dream God had given him. He required his officials to worship this statue.



### SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO'S RESPONSE

These young Jewish men chose to be burnt alive rather than worship Nebuchadnezzar's statue. Their lives were characterised by faith and submission. Whatever your furnace of affliction may be, Jesus will be with you and He **will** carry you through.