

Sermon Series: “Setting the Table for Thanksgiving” “Setting the Heart Ablaze”

Daniel 3:1-18

SUMMARY: This sermon will focus the attention of the people on renewing a thankful heart within the Lord as they learn from the encouraging example of Mishael, Hananiah, and Azariah in the midst of one of the greatest trials in their lives. We will learn from their example as to how we may set our hearts ablaze with great passion for the Lord.

The Four Fiery Fundamentals

Fundamental #1 – The Promise of God’s Sovereignty

- **Colossians 1:15-16** – He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.
- **Romans 8:31-32** – What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
- This main point will focus our attention on the promise that God gives us that He is the only God that is truly Omnipotent. He has promised that He will never leave His people as long as they remain following His commands and stand firm for their faith in Him.

Fundamental #2 – The Promise of Persecution

- **1 Peter 4:12-13** – Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.
- This main point will focus our attention on the fact that Christians will face persecution as they choose to live for Christ on this earth. We can rejoice in our times of persecution though due to the fact that we know we are truly living for Christ and Satan feels threatened.
 - It is when we are not being persecuted in our faith that we must ask ourselves the self-examining question: Am I living for Christ at this moment in my life?

Fundamental #3 – The Promise of Preservation

- **Isaiah 43:1-2** – But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.
- This main point will focus our attention on the fact that every single Christian that walk’s the face of this earth will be attacked by Satan and possibly even taken through their own “fiery furnace” but God has promised to preserve His people for His glory.

Fundamental #4 – The Promise of Deliverance

- **1 Peter 5:10** – And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
- This main point will focus our attention on the fact that God has promised to deliver His people from chords of bondage that have enslaved them as they choose to give their over to Him, stand firm for their faith, and daily live for Him.

MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 12:28-29 – Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”

