

“WAGING THE GOOD WARFARE” PT. IV (Dan. 3)
[The “Bow or Burn” Threat]

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INTRO: We’re in a spiritual war, and we’re called to wage the good warfare (1Tim. 1:18; Eph. 6:12; Gen. 3:15).

I. THE UNGODLY EXECUTIVE ORDER (vv. 1-6).

- A. King Neb. made a gold image 90’ high & 9’ wide (v. 1).
- B. He ordered all the political leaders to come to the dedication of the image, and they did (vv. 2-3).
- C. They were all ordered to bow when the music started or be cast into a burning fiery furnace (vv. 4-6).
- D. Today we’re being commanded to bow to the many ungodly executive orders & passed bills.
 - 1. Either we bow, or we suffer the consequences.

II. CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE (vv. 7-18).

- A. When the music began, the masses bowed, but “*The 3 Amigos*” refused to bow (vv. 7-12), so were apprehended and interrogated (vv. 13-15).
- B. They were given another chance but held their ground (vv. 16-18).
- C. Will you bow or courageously hold your ground regardless of the consequences?

III. FACING THE FIRE WITH COURAGE (vv. 19-30).

- A. The 3 Amigos were thrown into the fire, but God protected them (vv. 19-25).
- B. King Neb called them out of the fire, complimented them and promoted them (vv. 26-30).
- C. Trust God, do what’s right, hold your ground, and see what God will do!

CONCLUSION: The temperature of the furnace is being turned up. The band is starting the music. We’ve been ordered to bow to ungodly philosophies. What will you do? Let’s wage the good warfare!