

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 135  
Daniel 3:1-30  
1 John 3:10-16

Today's Scripture Verse:    *O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up. (Daniel 3:16-18)*

What it means:                This is the wonderful stance taken by Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego against the demand that they worship the gods of Babylon. Idolatry was considered one of the greatest offenses against God in ancient Israel.

Our time of reflection:      In our own times, we do not usually personalize our idols, giving them personalities and names; but idolatry is still real – it is whatever things we give priority to above our faithfulness to the teachings of God. What do you think are our greatest idols today?

