

Whether Yes Or No I Will Follow Him

"There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods, nor do they worship the golden statue which you have set up."

Daniel 3:12 (NIV)

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will rescue us from your hand, O king.

But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods nor worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Daniel 3:17-18 (NIV)

"Definition of suffering:

Having what you don't want or wanting what you don't have."

- Elizabeth Eliot

I am praying for several people I love dearly. Each one has very serious health problems. I want the Lord to intervene and grant healing in each case. I know from history that God does sometimes grant healing, so I ask Him to do it again.

However, I know that many times our loving, merciful heavenly Father allows health, and other problems to run their course. This reality was what faced the three Hebrew men in our verses today. They had a choice to either worship the golden statue or be thrown into the fiery furnace. They decided that they would honour God rather than deny Him by paying homage to a statue. In other words they said, "Whether yes or no we will follow Him"

They declared to the king that whether or not God rescues them they will only worship

Him. This decision needs to be the attitude all Christians have as they pray for deliverance from a threatening problem.

Asking for the removal of the problem is not to be seen as rebellion. Jesus asked that the cup might be removed. Paul asked 3 times for the thorn in the flesh to be removed but it wasn't.

Hurting Christian, talk to your heavenly Father Who may relieve you from the issue. However, you may be fully confident that if the problem remains you will have all the grace you need to endure. We have the promise that as our day so will our strength be (Deuteronomy 33:25).

May you have the same attitude as those three Hebrew men, Jesus, and Paul. Just as you love to hear the voices of your loved ones, so your heavenly Father loves to hear your voice as you draw near to Him today. Come and come now.

A MIND at perfect peace with God:

Oh, what a word is this!

A sinner reconciled through blood:

This, this indeed is peace.

By nature and by practice far,
How very far from God!
Yet now by grace brought nigh to Him
Through faith in Jesus' blood.

So nigh, so very nigh to God,
I cannot nearer be;
For in the person of His Son,
I am as near as He.

So dear, so very dear to God,
More dear I cannot be;
The love wherewith He loves the Son,
Such is His love to me.

Why should I ever anxious be
Since such a God is mine?
He watches o'er me night and day,
And tells me, "Thou art Mine".

- C. Paget

© Rumford Ministries
www.RumfordMinistries.org
Some rights reserved