



## WE WILL NOT BOW

### SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE

Daniel 3:1-2

### ADDITIONAL STUDY

Exodus 20:3-5  
Matthew 4:8-11

### PRAYER POINTS

+ Ask for mercy, and repent in areas where you have bowed to the compromising pressures of life and Satan's lies.

+ Pray for strength to live uncompromisingly according to God's standards.

*...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace... But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.*

**- Daniel: 3:17-18**

Amongst the multitude of people who were in Babylon when king Nebuchadnezzar made his infamous decree for everyone in his kingdom to bow down and worship the graven image he had set up, were Jews who had been taken as prisoners from Judah. They were forced to bow and though they were God's covenant people, most of them did what they were required to do – amongst them must have been priests, rabbis and devotees of the Jewish faith. As they bowed they would have remembered God's command not to love, bow, or worship any other god besides Him. However, they had bowed down to another god, because they would not dare face the heat of not bowing.

But while everybody bowed, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow. It was a resolve they made from the first time they were introduced into the king's palace – into the corridors of power. From the outset, they established themselves as God-lovers and principled men when they refused to eat the king's delicacy, which they knew was sacrificed to idols. (See Daniel 1:3-13).

Today, Christendom desperately needs men and women whose love for God is way hotter than their love for silver and gold. One of Satan's oldest tricks against believers is to make them bow in the face of compromise; he tried it with Jesus in the wilderness – promised to give Him the glories of the world if He would bow. Today, there is no serious Christian who is not confronted with the temptation to bow or compromise, sometimes on a regular basis.

Satan says, "I will give you a job, contracts, promotion, land, husband/wife, that political appointment you have so desired, only if you bow." And to my utmost dismay, some Christians usually conclude; "Perhaps, this is God using 'spectacular avenues' to answer my prayers and bless me." Let me tell you upfront, "You can never use Satan's methods to achieve God's will for your life; you can't get to God's destination by traveling on Satan's lane."

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