

## Blessings in the House

# True Worshipers

A weekly devotional message for the family

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God is a Spirit, and when we worship Him in Spirit and in truth, and then He becomes our protector and provider. There have been times when people were persecuted for worshipping the Lord. However, we see that in the end, worshipping the Lord in Spirit and in truth is the best way. As we worship God in Spirit and in truth, He watches over us and takes care of us. When we put our trust in the Lord, He becomes our protector and reward.

### God is our protector and provider

God protects and blesses Abraham.

“And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth...After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward” (Gen 14:22; 15:1). After Abraham lifted his hands and worshipped the Lord, then the Lord appeared before Abraham and blessed him.

God protects and provides for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

There was a decree that when the music played, that all the people must bow and worship the image that King Nebuchadnezzar made. The punishment for all who did not worship the image was to be thrown into the fiery furnace. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not worship the image, then the king asked them if their God could deliver them that *were*. “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in this matter. (17) If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us* out of thine hand, O king. (18) But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. (19) Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: *therefore* he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. (20) And he commanded the most mighty men in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, *and* to cast *them* into the burning fiery furnace...(23) And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. (24) Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonied, and rose up in haste, *and* spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king.(25) He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. (26) Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, *and* spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire. (27) And the

princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. (28) *Then* Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed *be* the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God. (29) Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort. (30) Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon" (Daniel 3:16-20, 23-30).

God protects and provides for Daniel.

In the year 540 BC, Darius was king of the Medes and Persians. Darius set Daniel up as the Prime Minister because Daniel was an honest man. The other government officials were very jealous of Daniel. These men knew that Daniel was a man of prayer, so they persuaded the king to make a decree that no one was allowed to pray. After the King signed this decree, the men found Daniel praying, and reported this to the king. The punishment was to be thrown into a den of lions. "Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. *Now* the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. (17) And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. (18) Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. (19) Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. (20) And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? (21) Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.(22) My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. (23) Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. (24) And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. (25) Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. (26) I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end. (27) He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. (28) So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian" (Daniel 6:16-28).

### God is a Spirit

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2Cor 3:17).

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (Jn 4:23-24).

### God is looking for true worshippers

“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness” (1Chron 16:29).

“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” (Rev 14:7).

An angel speaking to the Apostle John, “Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God” (Rev 22:9).

### The time is now!

Let the true worshippers worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. For today the Lord requires this from us. And as we worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth, He becomes our protector and our provider. As men and women worship God in Spirit in truth, they find out that truly the Lord is with them and will take care of them. The Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever. What He did in the days of the prophets, He is still doing today. Today, He is looking for true worshippers, let us be that people.