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Substance of Prayer Meeting Address

given by Pastor J. Tyler. on July 23. 1974

Lesson. Daniel 3. vv. 19- 30.

Because of the limited time I can only give a few guide lines to the people of God from this sacred portion. The first thing to observe is, there was a mysterious change in the course of events affecting these three godly men. At the close of the previous chapter they had been exalted and set over the affairs of the province of Babylon. Now, what a tremendous change developed. What was it? They must go into the furnace. This is inescapable, my friends. They had a good and honest heart; they had a pure motive. They would not bow to idol gods: they would only serve their God, the living God, so into the furnace they must go. Whoever it is on the face of the earth who fears God, there are times when the language of the second hymn will be verified;-

"In fiery trials thou shalt see,
That as thy days, thy strength shall be." (328)

There is the trial of water; overwhelming affliction; and the trial of fire that seems to consume us, or we fear it will quite consume us.

So there may be a few in the Sanctuary to night in fiery trials. What may you anticipate, child of God? What is the revelation of Scripture for you? How beautiful, wonderful, blessed, when naturally you would dread the fire and shrink from it, there is an assured prospect. When you get in the fire you will have the Son of God with you. That is the chief thing, but also the fire has no power over you. The three men lost only their bonds; nothing else. What a guide line! He has said; "And I will bring the third part through the fire." Naturally I was not here; I was at Prestwood, but I have heard the very apposite observation of Mr F.L. Gosden in April. He said; "The Lord puts His people in the fire and brings them through. He does not put them in an oven. 'For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven.' That is for the wicked, and there is no coming out of it." The oven is not for you. With fiery trials in the furnace you will only lose dross; things that burden you, and you

will have the presence of the Son of God. "Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires."

What is the third? I was very thankful to hear a friend name it; - the revelation the Lord one day gave to Job. "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." you will come out. How? As gold. Amen.