

SERMON NOTES
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UNREASONABLE
Daniel 3:8-13, 16-18

Golden image

Attempt to unify the nation

2nd Commandment

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven...you shall not worship them or serve them.” (Exodus 20:4-5)

- Many “counselors of compromise”
- Unreasonable
Matthew 16:33 – Peter to Jesus
Acts 26:24 – Festus to Paul
- Philippians 2:1-2 ¹Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ... ²make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.
- Unreasonable about the word of God.
- Unreasonable about the worship of God.
- Unreasonable about the witness for God.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 ⁴“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Daniel 3:8-13, 16-18 (NASB)

⁸At that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews. ⁹They responded and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree that every man who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe and all kinds of music, is to fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire.

¹²There 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 or worship the golden image which you have set up." ¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego...before the king.

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. ¹⁷If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."