#### **BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**

SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE April 28, 2024

#### **Greg Allen, Pastor**

This morning's message is taken from Daniel 3:1-30 THE FOURTH IN THE FURNACE

#### Welcome!

We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service. We sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.

#### **Order of Service**

(hymns attached)

#### Welcome

*Hymn #210, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* 

Hymn #575, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

**Opening** Prayer

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#### Message

Congregational Scripture Reading: Psalm 91 Hymn #734, "Be Strong in the Lord"

**Closing Prayer** 

# Hymn #210: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander; translated by Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Has thou not seen how thy desires all have been Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the "amen" sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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# Hymn #575: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### Chorus

Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms; Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms. O how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms. *Chorus* 

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms. I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### Chorus

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April 28, 2024 This morning's message is part of our ongoing study of the Book of Daniel; and is taken from Daniel 3:1-30

# THE FOURTH IN THE FURNACE

It's no coincidence that this chapter begins with the command to bow to a great image. God had shown King Nebuchadnezzar an image in which he was the 'head of gold' (Daniel 2); and in arrogance, he created his own version and demanded that all people bow to it. This story is a picture of the challenge that God's faithful people will endure while living in 'the times of the Gentiles'.

But it also has a great message of encouragement for those throughout the ages who—in devotion to God—refuse to bow to the false idols of man. It teaches us that <u>our Lord stands faithfully in the midst of the trial with</u> those who stand faithfully for Him.

#### 1. THE KING'S COMMAND (vv. 1-7). (See also Daniel 11:31; Matthew 24:15-21; Revelation 13:14-15.)

- 2. THE FAITHFUL RESOLVE (vv. 8-18). (See also Exodus 20:3-6; Acts 5:29.)
- **3.** THE FOURTH IN THE MIDST (vv. 19-25). (See Hebrews 11:32-40; Isaiah 43:1-3.)
- 4. THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD (vv. 26-30). (See 1 Peter 4:12-19.)



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## **Congregational Scripture Reading: Psalm 91 (nkjv)**

(Leader reads the italicized text; congregation reads the boldfaced text)

*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.* 

#### I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

> A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

# Hymn #734: Be Strong in the Lord

Linda Lee Johnson

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your mighty Defender is always the same. Mount up with wings, as the eagle ascending; Vict'ry is sure when you call on His name.

## Chorus

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And be of good courage, for He is your guide. Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; And rejoice for the vict 'ry is yours.

So put on the armor the Lord has provided, And place your defense in His unfailing care. Trust Him for He will be with you in battle, Lighting your path to avoid every snare.

## Chorus

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage; Your mighty Commander will vanquish the foe. Fear not the battle for the vict'ry is always His; He will protect you wherever you go.

## Chorus

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