

which we rightly value. No, it was a clear case of right for the sake of right; it was their duty to act then, and they did it simply enough. Some of the crowd no doubt looked pityingly at the three slaves doomed to die, but their death they brought on themselves by deliberate choice.

I purposely have not told you the whole story, for I want you to read it for yourselves in the third chapter of the Book of Daniel. If we find the Bible dull it is our own fault, for is there not a marvellous record of heroism here?

If ever the dread possesses you that there is no God, think of the three lads in the burning fiery furnace. Could they have stood the flames alone? Who but an Almighty and All-loving God could enable them to face this death? Who but the Almighty could have made them triumphant? What was the secret of their pluck?

Surely it was the presence of God, for the One who walked with them in the flames was the Son of Man.

If no cheers greeted them on earth, we feel sure Heaven rang with alleluias to the Almighty that once more He had proved a defence in time of trouble, and that once more His servants had been faithful unto the very end.

This story, we must remember, is no "cunningly devised fable," but God's sober truth.

We know these young men were cast into the furnace, just as surely as we know that Ladysmith was relieved. What is more, we know that God's truth is not "played out," as some would have us think. Men and women are facing death to-day for God. Missionaries are massacred with barbarity in China, and others instantly volunteer to fill up the gaps. There are many walking the fiery furnace, but God is still keeping those who face death for Him.

This we believe, but how does it affect us? We are in no very grand position. We are workers in a humble way—errand-boys, clerks, carpenters, pit laddies, school assistants, iron workers—we are very commonplace we think. My lads, God is the best judge of what is commonplace. Remember who was a village carpenter in Nazareth.

Whatever our position we may be sure that we will have our share of the furnace-fire. Our Master drank of the cup of pain, and we His servants are bound to share it, and it will be our honor and glory to do so. Life will not be all plain sailing. Most of us know it by this time, and we must be ready to do and to suffer as were these Jewish lads.

When, perhaps, like these lads, we are away from home, and have to stand alone and find those around us ready to jeer and scoff because we do right, it is then we feel the fiery furnace, and it is well for us if the Son of Man be with us.

The god of gold is worshipped still. A Sunday job is offered and we take it, because we get a little more money. Is this not serving a golden idol? Let us refuse the job, lose our work, stick out for our Sunday of rest and face our furnace of abuse.

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