The Cost of Worship

Daniel 3 | 26 January 2025 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Read Daniel 3 aloud as a DG – perhaps each person taking a few verses.
   - What might have been the emotions present in all the characters in this story (in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in King Nebuchadnezzar, in the Babylonians, in those who are captured from other lands, etc.).

   - Without including Official Religions, what might be the "gods" that are being worshipped by people today, and why do some Christians give in to the temptation of "prioritising" these "gods" over Christ?

2. Opportunity costs in not worshipping like everyone else
   a) What are the opportunity costs lost when we worship Jesus and not the "gods" that almost everyone bow down to?
      - Some Christians do not go to church weekly – why do you think this is happening? How can we help that person to be more faithful to commit to regular worship?

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b) What might be the Pressures to Conform (whether at home, work, society, etc.) that Christians go through?
- What are the pressures to conform that you have <u>personally experienced</u>? (if you know you had conformed, repent, and ask God for grace both to forgive you and to strengthen you to stand strong in future).

3. High Personal Costs to remain loyal to God and our Christian convictions
   a) What are the "Persecutions" (difficulties because of their faith) that Christian face (in Singapore and also in countries where you have gone on mission trips to)?
   - Have you been persecuted before? Do share with your DG your experience of faith.
   - Extra: If you have time, visit either www.opendoors.org or www.persecution.org; read a story and pray for a persecuted church/Christian.

4. Costs → Rewards (from the Lord)
   a) Have you experienced Rewards from God as a result of you paying the Costs for standing firm for Jesus? Share your experience.

   b) How has God Protected you that calls for celebration? (You may share stories of other people if you cannot think of personal stories to recount)

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To be disciples of Jesus Christ

Our Mission
We exist to make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost

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