

APRIL 3, 2022
Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent
Daniel 3: 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95; John 8: 31-42

“FAITH AMIDST DANGER AND DEATH.”

As Christians, profession of faith and ready to die for that faith is a must. We must not compromise our faith with other things even if the consequence of it is death. The three young men, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, disobeyed King Nebuchadnezzar to worship the golden statue when the king commanded all to worship it as a test of loyalty. They choose to die than to worship an idol. “In his anger, the king threatens to have them thrown into a white-hot furnace from which no god will save them. The young men calmly reply that either their God will save them, because he can, but, even if he does not, they will still remain steadfast in their trust of God. The king, now even more angry, has them thrown into a furnace which has been made seven times hotter. Later, when he makes enquiries, the king finds that the three young men in the company of a fourth are walking unharmed in the fire. The pagan king is deeply moved by what he sees. First, he is filled with admiration for the God that delivered them from certain death and, secondly, he deeply respects the young men who disobeyed him and were ready to sacrifice their lives rather than turn their back on their God. ‘Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego,’ he exclaims.”¹

My brothers and sisters, all who trust and worship the true God will never be harm and if death comes to them, the reward will be great. God will never leave us alone in the battle against evil. He will always at our side if we accept Him, love Him as our Lord. This is what Jesus is telling the Jews in our gospel. “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own, but he sent me.”

My brothers and sisters, to know, love, follow Jesus is the way to God. As we know, it is in God and only in God that true happiness, freedom, and peace belong to. So, let us

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reflect on our lives. What are the idols in my life? Is there anything in my life which I would find very difficult to sacrifice if God asked me to give it up? Is there any thing or any person in my life which comes between God and myself?

Let us ask the Lord that we may put all our trust in Him even if we face dangers and death. May we have the courage to face all of these with faith.