

## Daniel - Changing Spiritual Climates

*A gold heart - Making the right decision even though it takes you through the fire (Chapter 3)*

It is one thing to own gold...it is another to have a heart of gold...



### **CLOTHED** (Be ready for the fire...)

- You can exist within any environment if you are clothed for it.
- God will give you the type of clothing you need for the fires of life.

### **TESTED**



*If you do not worship, you shall be cast immediately into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?*

Tests ask us to make a choice - do you go down the godly or ungodly path?

*[They] answered and said to the king, "...We have no need to answer you in this matter...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace...But if [He does] not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up*



### **PRESERVED**

- After the test of decision comes the fire of our decision. All of us will face the fire—the godly and ungodly alike—but who will be preserved through it?

*I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God*

The fire inside them was greater than the fire outside them.  
It is the outer circumstances that reveal the inner workings of our hearts  
God stood by their side. God is standing by your side too.



*Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying,  
"Blessed be the God of Shadrach,  
Meshach, and Abed-Nego."*