



THE BOOK OF
Daniel

Conquering Insecurity

Daniel 3:1-30, 1 Peter 3:14-15, Luke 12:11, Hebrews 13:6

Nebuchadnezzar's Statue

The background of the slide is a painting of two lions. The lion on the left is shown in profile, looking down with a somber expression. The lion on the right is shown in profile, roaring with its mouth wide open, showing its teeth. The background is a warm, textured wash of colors, primarily yellows, oranges, and reds, suggesting a sunset or a fire.

- Nebuchadnezzar believed that if he could not earn respect, he could decree respect.
- Nebuchadnezzar struggled with insecurity.
- Insecurity causes conflict and nasty behavior.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's resolve was in sharp contrast to the insecurity of Nebuchadnezzar.

How Can We Conquer Insecurity



- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did not get their security from Nebuchadnezzar.
- Nebuchadnezzar could not offer them true security.
- No matter how much we go along with the irrational demands of others, it will not guarantee our future.
- If Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had tried to play the king's game, they would have lost.
- Trust God for lasting security.

Commit To What Is Right

The background of the slide is a painting of two lions. On the right, a lion is shown in profile, roaring with its mouth wide open, revealing its teeth. On the left, another lion is shown in profile, resting its head down. The painting uses warm, earthy tones like gold, brown, and red, with a visible brushstroke texture.

- A tentative commitment leads to insecurity.
- A strong commitment to do what is right, no matter what the cost, projects confidence and strength.
- If our commitment to do what is right does not pay off in respect, trust and confidence, we will be secure in the hands of God.
- Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego stood firm in their faith, while Nebuchadnezzar shook with uncontrollable rage.
- Insecurity causes collateral damage.

Conclusion

- Nebuchadnezzar was forced to bow before the God Who is above all.
- God was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fire.
- God promises to be with us in times of trouble.
- Because we can trust God to be with us in the fire, we can live with confidence and assurance.