



# “If You Don’t Bow...”

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## I. **Daniel 3:8-18**

### A. Types and Shadows

1. Nebuchadnezzar – represents the unjust system that places demands without reason or the ability to choose.
2. The 3 men – represent the N.T. Believer with rights and privileges under God’s authority.

### B. The Gradual Change

1. Most People in this Society are following others down a very wide path toward destruction (As Jesus prophesied); On this path, gradual...but deliberate control of your freedoms are at the forefront of this change.
2. The test of time: *“Everyone needs this or that (vaccine) to preserve your life, to make your life better or safer.” “Let’s take away guns so the world will be safer.”* (It may appear harmless now because people are still standing up...but only in small numbers; but one day in the near future, demands and mandates will be made just like Nebuchadnezzar).
3. What will you do? Saying, “I will not bow to the system” is good, but unfortunately....not enough!
4. Persecution will get worse....there will be times when the enemy will try to make you feel alone, abandoned, and un-loved....but Jesus will always uphold you with the Word of His Power...HE is the Glory and the Lifter of your head!

- <b><i>Standing in the face of the enemy....Who will be Willing? Who is Ready?</i></b>
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## II. The Guideline to Truth

### A. **Be Calm**

1. Fear can have no place in your heart or your mind (***Psalms 3:6***)
2. ***Philippians 4:7*** “And the peace of God...will keep your heart and mind”

### B. **Be Quiet**

1. ***1 Thessalonians 4:11*** “Study to be quiet...”
2. ***Mark 13:11-13***

### C. **Be Strong**

1. ***Ephesians 6:10*** “Be strong in the Lord...”
2. ***Proverbs 14:26*** “In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence...”

### D. **Be Bold**

1. ***Proverbs 28:1*** “The wicked flee when no man pursues....” (their conscience gives them a sense of inferiority because of their unrighteous deeds)...
2. ***Acts 4:29*** – The prayer for boldness