

One of the most important aspects of faith is, of course, knowing God. Not the God we imagine, but the God revealed through His self-revelation in Scripture. This is truly significant. On this Christmas Sunday, through Jesus, we ultimately come to know God more deeply and worship Him.

In today's passage, we see the grace of God experienced by Daniel's three friends, who were taken as captives to the foreign land of Babylon and forced to worship idols, but encountered God's grace in the fiery furnace. This passage clearly expresses the grace of God that you and I, who have chosen to live a life of faith and confess Jehovah God as our God, will experience in this age.

As we revisit the Word in today's passage, I bless you in the name of the Lord that you may realize the grace of God who is with us and live a life enjoying that grace.

First, it is the grace of God's presence with us.

In today's passage, there appears a fourth figure who was with the three men thrown into the furnace. King Nebuchadnezzar described this fourth person in verse 25 as being "like a son of the gods." Some theologians interpret this figure as an angel, while others identify him as the pre-incarnate Christ, Jesus, who came to earth for us. I believe this fourth figure was Jesus before His incarnation.

Jesus, being God, could have spoken to them from outside the furnace or worked with His power. But today's passage notes that He was with them inside the fiery furnace, walking with them.

God is with us. He came to be with us, died for us, and rose again for us. Now, Jesus is at the right hand of God the Father, and the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, is with us.

Second, it is the grace of God's protection.

Today's passage shows that God is the One who protects His people even in the fiery furnace. Although the furnace was heated seven times hotter than usual, Daniel's three friends were unharmed—their bodies were not burned, their hair was not singed, their clothes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. It was a miraculous event.

How was this possible? Because God protected them. According to the faith of Daniel's three friends and God's promises, God protected His children who believed in Him. God is with us and protects us.

Third, it is the grace of God's salvation.

In today's passage, God is the God of salvation for Daniel's three friends. In Daniel 3:15, Nebuchadnezzar asks, "Who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" And in verse 17, Daniel's three friends boldly declare, "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us."

And indeed, God saved Daniel's three friends from the raging furnace.

The name "Jesus" means "He will save His people from their sins." Jesus is our Savior. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true solution and salvation from sin, death, numerous problems, and suffering.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21)

**Bible
Reading**

12/23(Mon)	12/24(Tue)	12/25(Wed)	12/26(Thur)	12/27(Fri)	12/28(Sat)	12/29(Sun)
James 4-5, 1 Peter 1-2	1 Peter 3-5, 2 Peter 1-2	2 Peter 3, 1 John 1-3	1 John 4-5, 2,3John, Jud.	Rev. 1-4	Rev. 5-9	Rev. 10-14

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Quiet Time Passage

12/23(Mon)	12/24(Tue)	12/25(Wed)	12/26(Thur)	12/27(Fri)	12/28(Sat)	12/29(Sun)
Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:39-56	Luke 2:1-14	Rev. 17:1-6	Rev. 17:1-6	Rev. 17:1-6	Rev. 17:1-6

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share the grace of God you have experienced in your life through last week's sermon or daily devotional.

2. Share any new insights or grace you received from today's message.

3. Reflect on and share whether you are experiencing and enjoying the three aspects of God's grace shared today.