

# Vicious Enemies

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Daniel 3:19-22

A vicious enemy is someone who is totally given to the forces of evil. They do not have a righteous conscious. Their **ONLY** intent is to administer harm, danger and malice to anyone who stands in their way.

These types of enemies are not remorseful in their actions. They are not relentless in promoting evil and inflicting harm. Vicious enemies have a one track mind. Whoever does not agree with their agenda, they devour!

## KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR

King Nebuchadnezzar was a vicious enemy. When the three Hebrew boys refused to bow and worship his golden image he threw them into his fiery furnace to be

burned alive. This act of King Nebuchadnezzar was vicious.

He was not remorseful in his actions. He was not compassionate in his ways. The three Hebrew boys were victimized by a vicious enemy. However, they were delivered by King Jesus.

Daniel 3:19-22 says, "Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and he changed his mind. He ordered the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than usual.

Then he commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were tied up and thrown into the blazing furnace while still wearing their robes, trousers, turbans, and other clothes.

The king's command was very strict, and the furnace was made so hot that the flames killed the strong soldiers who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the furnace."

## PURE EVIL

Enemies who are vicious are purely evil. There is nothing good in them or about them. King Nebuchadnezzar was so angry with the three Hebrew boys that he made the furnace seven times hotter than normal.

People who show vicious behavior go **BEYOND** you being hurt. They want you to **SUFFER!** However, when the intentions of vicious people want to manifest, the Lord will stop the attack in its tracks. When King Nebuchadnezzar wanted to destroy the three Hebrew boys King Jesus did not let it happen.

"Daniel 3: 24-27 says, "Then King Nebuchadnezzar was so surprised that he jumped to his feet. He asked the men who

advised him, "Didn't we tie up only three men and throw them into the fire?"

They answered, "Yes, O king." The king said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire. They are not tied up, and they are not burned. The fourth man looks like a son of the gods."

Then Nebuchadnezzar went to the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, come out! Servants of the Most High God, come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire.

When they came out, the governors, assistant governors, captains of the soldiers, and royal advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies. Their hair was not burned, their robes were not burned, and they didn't even smell like smoke!"

Anytime you are facing a vicious enemy the Lord will allow their attacks to materialize. However, He will not let it prosper against you. As a Kingdom citizen evilness

**CANNOT** devour you. King Jesus combats the attacks of vicious enemies by delivering you from under their leadership, authority and power.

Do not worry when a vicious enemy enters your life. Whatever they decide to do, it will **NOT** destroy you. You may see their attack. You may hear about the attack.

You may feel the pressure of their attack but it will not destroy or devour you. Just like King Jesus delivered the three Hebrew boys from the fiery furnace He will deliver you from your vicious enemy.

## THREE FACTS ABOUT VICIOUS ENEMIES

- Vicious enemies attack people who **STAND IN THEIR WAY**.
- Vicious enemies attack people who will **NOT** submit to their agenda.

- Vicious enemies attack people who attempt to **DISRUPT** their plans.

When you are a righteous person you **WILL** inherit vicious enemies. Righteous people stand in the ways of evilness to **STOP** its progress. Righteous people **REFUSE** to submit to what is wrong and immoral. Righteous people are sent by God to disrupt the plans of the enemy.

This is why the three Hebrew boys were targeted by King Nebuchadnezzar. They were standing for righteousness. Standing for righteousness will attract vicious enemies. However, they will always be defeated!

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