

From Persecution to Promotion

Part 4

daniel 3:1-18

Persecution:

a campaign designed to
exterminate, drive away or
completely control a group
of people

Goal of Persecution

1. Distraction
2. Silence Our Voice
3. Stop Our Momentum

Weapons of Persecution

1. Intimidation
2. Manipulation
3. Dissipation
4. Defamation

Protection:

to defend or guard against
an attack

Promotion:

advancement in rank
or position

Promotion is the place of:

1. Position
2. Power
3. Possession

God Turned it!

1. Washed
2. Sanctified
3. Justified

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¹ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its width six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ² Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the officials, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

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³ Then the officials, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up, and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁴ Then a herald cried aloud: "To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages,

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⁵ that at the time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you should fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. ⁶ And whoever does not fall down and worship shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”

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7 Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

The Fiery Furnace

8 Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near and accused the Jews.

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⁹ They spoke and said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever.

¹⁰ You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music should fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹ And whoever does not fall down and worship should be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

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¹² There are certain Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, have not regarded you. They do not serve your gods or worship the golden image which you have set up."

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. Then they brought these men before the king.

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¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spoke and said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if you are ready at the time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music to fall down and worship the image which I have made, very well. But if you do not worship, you shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

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And who is that god who can deliver you out of my hands?" ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer in this matter. ¹⁷ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

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¹⁸ But even if He does not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.”

Genesis 50:20

²⁰ But as for you, you intended to harm me, but God intended it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many lives.

Psalm 91:11

11 for He shall give His angels
charge over you
to guard you in all your ways.

Romans 8:31

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Daniel 3:27

27 The officials, governors, and captains, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor had the smell of fire even come upon them.

Daniel 3:30

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Psalm 8:5-6

5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels,
and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, and you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus by the Spirit of our God.

Psalm 91:1-16

¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,

my God in whom I trust."

³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter

and from the deadly pestilence.

Psalm 91:1-16

4 He shall cover you with His feathers,
and under His wings you shall find
protection;

His faithfulness shall be your shield
and wall.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror
by night,

nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 nor of the pestilence that pursues in
darkness,

nor of the destruction that strikes at
noonday.

Psalm 91:1-16

- 7 A thousand may fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not come near you.
- 8 Only with your eyes shall you behold
and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord, who
is my refuge,
even the Most High, your dwelling,
- 10 there shall be no evil befall you,
neither shall any plague come near
your tent;

Psalm 91:1-16

¹¹ for He shall give His angels charge
over you

to guard you in all your ways.

¹² They shall bear you up in their hands,
lest you strike your foot against a
stone.

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and
adder;

the young lion and the serpent you
shall trample underfoot.

Psalm 91:1-16

14 Because he has set his love upon Me,
therefore I will deliver him;

I will set him on high, because he
has known My name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will
answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,

and I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him
and show him My salvation.

Psalm 8:5-6

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and crowned him with glory and
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6 You have given him dominion over
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