

## THE VALLEY OF DECISION

Scripture:

Joel 3:14

### Introduction

We all are living in a day of momentous decisions. An individual decides to seek revenge, --a trigger is pulled, the bullet finds its mark and a nation is plunged into mourning. On an even grander scale, the signal is given for missiles to blast off, and 30 minutes later on the other side of the world, the population of an entire nation is decimated.

*Our decisions  
affect the* Joel was completely up to date when he talked of the valley of decision. And he realized that the events which immediately preceded the terrible "Day of the Lord" would cause these decisions to be made quickly with little chance of a change.

Elijah asked the question: **How long halt ye between two opinions?**

**I Kings 18:21**

Let me point you to some momentous decisions in the word of God.

- I. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego
  - A. Young jews with good training
  - B. Taken into captivity in their teens
    - 1. Thrown into the wrong crowd
    - 2. Placed in a bad atmosphere
    - 3. Training stayed with them
  - C. Their supreme test
    - 1. The golden image
    - 2. Their refusal to bow to it
    - 3. Testimony to Nebuchadnezzar

**We are not careful to answer you in this matter**

**If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning**

- I. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego
  - C. Their Supreme test
    - 3. fiery furnace and he will deliver us from out of thy hand.  
Daniel 3:16-17
  - 4. The fourth man in the furnace

## II. Daniel

- A. Background like above three
- B. Purposed in his heart to serve the Lord
  - 1. His position in Babylon
  - 2. His prayer life
- C. The jealous princes and their plot
- D. Daniel's steadfastness *prayed openly*
- E. The lion's den
- F. God's deliverance

It always seems to be the case that a decision for God ultimately ends in success while a decision against him ends in failure.

I'd much rather be small in the eyes of men and great in the eyes of God

## II. Demas

- A. Often mentioned as Paul's Fellowlaborer
- B. Consecration wasn't complete
- C. Began to lust for the things of the world
- D. Fellowship with the church declined
- E. Demas hath forsaken me havine loved this present world.

II Timothy 4:10

## III. Aaron Burr