

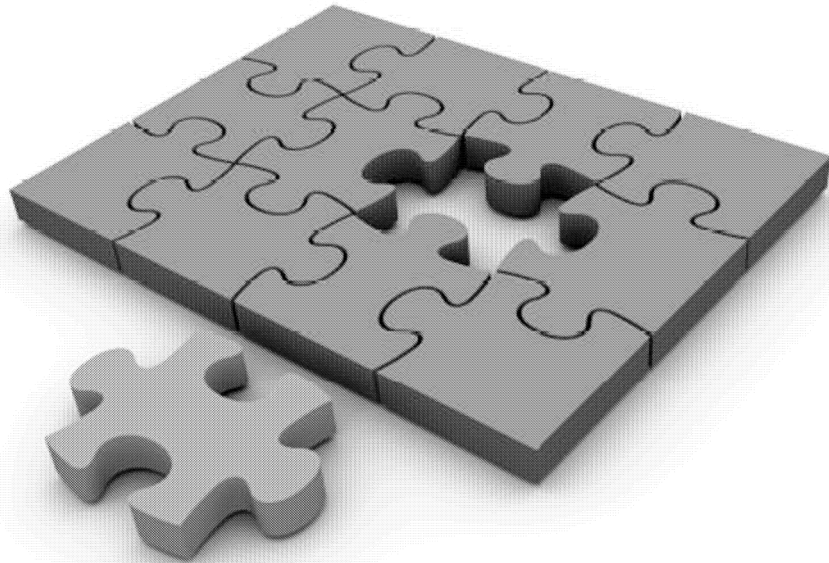
Studies in Daniel – (Study 9)
Absolute power corrupts absolutely

Reading: Daniel 3:1-7

As we come to chapter 3 we examine the whole question as to where real power lies. It begins with a dramatic display of the king's power.

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- 1) In chapter 2:47 after Daniel had explained his dream; Nebuchadnezzar seemed to honour God, saying to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings..." *Why then would he build a huge gold statue of himself and order that it be worshiped?*
- 2) Compare this statue with the one described in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. *What is different between the two and how does this further help reveal his intentions in putting up the statue?*
- 3) Why in verse 4 is the king specific in commanding people from every nation and language to bow down to the statue?
- 4) Why does Nebuchadnezzar have to include the threats of verse 6?
- 5) The worship that the king was commanding could be nothing more than outward show. *Looking back over what we have studied so far, how do our four young men from Jerusalem demonstrate that true worship is an outward expression of something that is inward?*
- 6) "The difference between the true believer and the unbeliever isn't the presence of faith, because everybody lives by faith in something. The difference is in the object of that faith" (Wiersbe). *What does this quote mean for us in terms of our Christian faith?*



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