



## PART 1

**OPENING SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 20:4-6

**INTRODUCTION:** There are a lot of **images** that flash across our eyes and brain today. Many of them influence us and force us to think, feel, get hungry and have desires. They make impressions on us.

Have you ever watched a commercial and it trigger a craving? Or at least make you hungry?

Have you ever watched or listened to water flow and feel like... you know LOL

**MAIN TEXT:** Proverbs 11:11 (AMP)

**OUTLINE:**

### I. Praying for an Influence!

#### A. Shadrack Meshach and Abednego. Daniel 3:1-7,12

(**Video illustration**)

Nebuchadnezzar's image was weak! Psalm 115:4-8

#### B. Are you Certain? (**Video illustration**)

**Like the 3 young Hebrews:** Let's go with Certain!

- There are influences in our world today that we may be uncertain about. Our Bishop Danny Nelson sent this email, (I will post a copy on the bulletin board.) [*Read excerpts of email*]
- **The 3 young Hebrew men were certain**, Look at Daniel 3:16-18 (READ)

### II. More Forceful...

#### A. Image than the worlds images! Daniel 3:28-29

Psalm 115:3

#### B. Influence than the world's influences! Can our lives, be lived out for the LORD, in such a way that the world around us are influenced by the GOD on the inside of us? Even more powerful than theirs?

To Quote Shadrack Meshach and Abednego, "God will rescue us from your Power"! and as we have seen, God's influence on Nebuchadnezzar was instant!

Think about it, all those people bowed to the image of Nebuchadnezzar and it had ZERO impact on anyone! (other than keep them out of the fire). But by just 3 out of

thousands of people NOT bowing...but instead, allowing their lives lived and bowed down to Almighty God! Their influence led to not only Nebuchadnezzar being influenced, but also the entire Kingdom! Wow!

Our God has not changed! He can still impress upon people His Power and influence! And He can still use ordinary men and women like us! When we will stand up and glorify Him instead of the idols, images, and influences of this world!

Part 2 Salt and light...