

made his feast and God showed that Belshazzar was going to be destroyed on account of his wickedness, and then in Daniel 6 we have Daniel in the lion's den, that very ~~ein~~ interesting story of how God protected his own . God will always protect his own by any means. You know, ~~there~~ is one verse I like particularly in the story of the fiery furnace, in chapter 3, where ~~wex~~ read that these men were brought before Nebuchadnezzar and in chapter three verse ~~17~~ 16-17 they said "We are not ~~earf~~ careful to answer thee ~~k~~ in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furning fiery furnace , and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King. " And that is one of the ~~k~~ teachings of the book of Daniel that God can protect His ~~wex~~ own. He can take ~~them-~~ them through the fiery furnace and keep them from being burned if that is ~~Hiw~~ His will, but I like the next verse, verse 18, which says "But if not, " if God doesn't choose to protect us, "be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image ~~x~~ which thou hast set up." Nine cases out of ten God brings prosperity to those who are true to Him, but in many cases God permits people to suffer in order to show their loyalty to Him and ~~thier~~ their stand for truth no matter what we loose by it, and we serve Him not because we will get ~~prop-~~ prosperity that way, though in the bulk of experienes you will, but serve Him because it is the right thing to do, and the ~~k~~ eternal thing is what matters , not the immediate things anyway . But in the book of Daniel ~~fox~~ was to encourage the people in the fiery ~~furnace-~~ difficulties ahead of them and to show God's power and so we have these wonderful instances of God's power and then after chapter six