

V18 – But if not...

.....Where do they get such courageous faith?

1. Fake gods demand that we "CONFORM or ELSE!!!"

Nebuchadnezzar – a golden god v1, prominent people v2, whole world v4

"Perhaps Nebuchadnezzar can get us to heaven (Babel - Genesis 11)"

Subtle and charming assimilation quickly becomes *"conform or else!!!"*

2. But faithful believers serve the true God – (BUSINESS AS USUAL)

"We don't need to answer you...

...our God can save us, he is able,

...but if not, we're still not serving your gods"

Faithful believers still serve God, despite how peaceful or prosperous they are.

3. Because HE is the sovereign.

God undoes Nebuchadnezzar's best attempts to kill his people.

God laughs at puny people who think they are gods.

His rescue takes place by a fourth person (Jesus).

Each trial tests whether we really believe God is the sovereign one.

"All you can do is kill us, but our God whom we serve is able to save, so do your worst."

Nebuchadnezzar's own rescue.