

I. The temptation

- A. To compromise their faith in God

“You shall have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)

- B. To save their positions of authority
- C. To save their lives

II. The testimony

- A. They publicly declared their faith in God

“I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God.” (Luke 12:8-9)

- B. They were not afraid of the judgment of men

“I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel, without being frightened in anyway by those who oppose you.” (Philippians 2:27-28)

- C. They had faith in the power of God

“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal.” (Isaiah 26:4)

- D. They submitted to the will of God

“Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – which is your spiritual worship.” (Romans 12:1)

III. Their triumph

- A. They enjoyed freedom in their trials
- B. They experienced God’s presence

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. And when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned. The flames will not set you ablaze.” (Isaiah 43:2)

- C. They brought glory to God
- D. They were given new opportunities for influence