

# The New Black



**Bowing is the New Black**  
**July 19 & 20, 2014**

**Daniel 3:1** King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, 90 feet high by 9 feet wide, and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

**BABEL** = CONFUSION / MIXTURE / PRIDE

**Daniel** – God is my judge

**Belteshazzar** – Lady, protect the King

**Hananiah** – Jehova is gracious

**Shadrak** – Command of Aku

**Mishael** – Who is like God?

**Meshach** – Who is like Aku?

**Azariah** – Jehovah is my helper

**Abednego** – Slave of Nebo

**Daniel 3:2** He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up.

**Daniel 3:4** Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do:

**Daniel 3:5** As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

- If mom & dad went to church, 72% of our kids will attend as adults
- If only dad attends, 57%
- If only mom attends, 15%
- If neither attend, 6 %
- If the person was in church last week, their divorce rate dropped by 27%.

**Daniel 3:16** “Let it be known to you, O king, that we do **not** serve your gods, nor will we worship the golden image which you have set up. Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He *will* deliver us from your hand”

“We are called to stand when everyone is bowing...  
... and bow when everyone is standing.”

**Daniel 3:19** Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed.

**Daniel 3:19** He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual **20** and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.

**Daniel 3:24** Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

**Daniel 3:28** Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants!  
**30** Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

**Acts 13:22** ‘I’ve searched the land and found this David, son of Jesse. He’s a man whose heart beats to my heart, a man who will do what I tell him.’ *The Message*

**2 Chronicles 16:9** “...the Lord’s eyes scan the whole world to strengthen those who are committed to him with all their hearts.” *Contemporary English Version*

**Psalm 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.