

The Song of The Three Holy Children

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The Prayer of Azariah

1And they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord.

2Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

3Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:

4For thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right, and all thy judgments truth.

5In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins.

6For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee.

7In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us.

8Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and every thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment.

9And thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world.

10And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants; and to them that worship thee.

11Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name's sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant:

12And cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham's sake, for thy servant Issac's sake, and for thy holy Israel's sake;

13To whom thou hast spoken and promised, that thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore.

14For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins.

15Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy.

16Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted.

17Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, and grant that we may wholly go after thee: for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee.

18And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.

19Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

20Deliver us also according to thy marvellous works, and give glory to thy name, O Lord: and let all them that do thy servants hurt be ashamed;

21And let them be confounded in all their power and might, and let their strength be broken;

22And let them know that thou art God, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.

23And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven hot with rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood;

24So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits.

25And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

26But the angel of the Lord came down into the oven together with Azarias and his fellows, and smote the flame of the fire out of the oven;

27And made the midst of the furnace as it had been a moist whistling wind, so that the fire touched them not at all, neither hurt nor troubled them.

28Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the furnace, saying,

29Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

30And blessed is thy glorious and holy name: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

31Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

32Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

33Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

34Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

35O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever,

36O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

37O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

38O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

39O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

40O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

410 ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

420 every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

430 all ye winds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever,

440 ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

450 ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

460 ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

470 ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord: bless and exalt him above all for ever.

480 ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

490 ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

500 ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

510 ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

520 let the earth bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

530 ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

540 all ye things that grow in the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

550 ye mountains, bless ye the Lord: Praise and exalt him above all for ever.