

THE SONG OF THE THREE HOLY CHILDREN,

which followeth in the third Chapter of DANIEL after this place,—*fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace*—verse 23. That which followeth is not in the Chaldee, to wit, *And they walked*—unto these words, *Then Nebuchadnezzar*—verse 24.

¹ AND they walked in the midst of the fire, praising God, and blessing the Lord. ² Then Azarias stood *up*, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire, said,

³ Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name *is* worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore: ⁴ for 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 *are* truth. ⁵ In 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. ⁶ For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee. ⁷ In 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. ⁸ Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and every

thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment. ⁹ And 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. ¹⁰ And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants, and to them that worship thee. ¹¹ Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name's sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant: ¹² and cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham's sake, for thy servant Isaac's sake, and *for* thy holy Israel's sake; ¹³ to 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 sea shore. ¹⁴ For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins. ¹⁵ Neither 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. ¹⁶ Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted. ¹⁷ *Like* as in the burnt offering 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. ¹⁸ And now we follow thee with all *our* heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face. ¹⁹ Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies. ²⁰ Deliver 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; ²¹ and let them be confounded in all *their* power and might, and let their strength be broken; ²² and let them know that thou art Lord, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.

²³ And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven hot with rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood; ²⁴ so that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits. ²⁵ And it passed through, and burnt those Chaldeans it found about the furnace. ²⁶ But 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; ²⁷ and 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. ²⁸ Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed God in the furnace, saying,

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

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

³¹ Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy
glory:

And to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

³² Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
And sittest upon the cherubims:

And to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

³³ Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy
kingdom:

And to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

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

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

36 O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

37 O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

38 O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless
ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

39 O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

40 O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

41 O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

42 O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

43 O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

44 O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

45 O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

46 O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the
Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

47 O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

48 O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

49 O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

50 O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

51 O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

52 O let the earth bless the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

53 O ye mountains and *little* hills, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

54 O all ye *things* that grow on the earth, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

55 O ye fountains, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

56 O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

57 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

58 O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

59 O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

60 O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

61 O Israel, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

62 O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

63 O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

64 O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

65 O ye holy and humble *men* of heart, bless ye the Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever:

⁶⁶ O Ananias, Azarias, *and* Misael, bless ye the
Lord:

Praise and exalt him above all for ever:

For he hath delivered us from hell,

And saved us from the hand of death,

And delivered us out of the midst of the furnace
and burning flame:

Even out of the midst of the fire hath he delivered
us.

⁶⁷ O give thanks unto the Lord, because *he is*
gracious:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

⁶⁸ O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God
of gods,

Praise *him*, and give *him* thanks:

For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

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