

# The Prayer of Azariah and the song of the three Jews

## Chapter 1

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

1:2 Then Azarias stood up, and prayed on this manner; and opening his mouth in the midst of the fire said,

1:3 Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore:

1:4 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 truth.

1:5 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.

1:6 For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee.

1:7 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.

1:8 Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and everything that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment.

1:9 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.

1:10 And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants; and to them that worship thee.

1:11 Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name's sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant:

1:12 And 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;

1:13 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 seashore.

1:14 For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins.

1:15 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.

1:16 Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted.

1:17 Like 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.

1:18 And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.

1:19 Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.

1:20 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;

1:21 And let them be confounded in all their power and might, and let their strength  
be broken;

1:22 And let them know that thou art God, the only God, and glorious over the whole  
world.

1:23 And the king's servants, that put them in, ceased not to make the oven hot with  
rosin, pitch, tow, and small wood;

1:24 So that the flame streamed forth above the furnace forty and nine cubits.

1:25 And it passed through, and burned those Chaldeans it found about the furnace.

1:26 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;

1:27 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.

1:28 Then the three, as out of one mouth, praised, glorified, and blessed, God in the  
furnace, saying,

1:2} Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and exalted  
above all for ever.

1:30 And blessed is thy glorious and holy name: and to be praised and exalted  
above all for ever.

1:31 Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory: and to be praised and glorified  
above all for ever.

1:32 Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims: and  
to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

1:33 Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: and to be praised and  
glorified above all for ever.

1:34 Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: and above ail to be praised and  
glorified for ever.

1:35 O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :  
praise and exalt him above all for ever,

1:36 O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord : praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:37 O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for  
ever.

1:38 O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt  
him above all for ever.

1:39 O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for  
ever.

1:40 O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:41 O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:42 O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for  
ever.

1:43 O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever,

1:44 O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:45 O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:46 O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:47 O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord: bless and exalt him above all for ever.

1:48 O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:49 O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:50 O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:51 O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:52 O let the earth bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:53 O ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:54 O all ye things that grow in the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:55 O ye mountains, bless ye the Lord: Praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:56 O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:57 O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:58 O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:59 O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:60 O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:61 O Israel, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:62 O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:63 O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:64 O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:65 O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

1:66 O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever: far 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.

1:67 O give thanks unto the Lord, because he is gracious: for his mercy endureth for ever.

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1:68 O all ye that worship the Lord, bless the God of gods, praise him, and give him thanks: for his mercy endureth forever.