

Bible Study

Daniel 2:26-49

Opening Question:

1. What kind of people do we usually see consulting “psychics and fortune tellers”?
2. From what we have seen so far, what kind of person was King Nebuchadnezzar

Read Daniel 2:1-28

Discussion Questions

1. Observation & reflection
 - (a) What style of writing is this ?
 - (b) What word or idea stands out to you, what did you struggle to understand?
 - (c) What is the theme of the passage?
2. After Daniel’s prayer was answered, what did he do? What does this say to us?
3. How did Daniel’s knowledge of God's character reveal itself in his remarks to King Nebuchadnezzar (vv. 27-30)
4. The expression “without hands” (Dan 2:34) means without human power, something only God can do. What are some things only God can do
5. The large statue in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream represents four kingdoms.
 - (a) What did Daniel say about these?
 - (b) What do they represent?
 - (c) What did Daniel say would happen after all these crumble?
 - (d) What does this mean for us?
6. What are the TWO key messages in what Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar?
7. What change occurs in Nebuchadnezzar as a result of this vision and its interpretation?
 - (a) What happens to Daniel?
8. What important message should we take away from these last few verses?

Thought Points

- King Nebuchadnezzar utilised the “wise men” etc because he did not know God.
- Daniel was ready to respond faithfully in a crisis. He had already chosen to live with integrity and allegiance to God in his daily living and working under King Nebuchadnezzar.
- There will be times when all else will fail, and only the believer who is prepared and has lived with integrity will remain standing
- Wisdom and power belong to God
- God alone is the revealer of mysteries
- We should not focus on the temporal, but on the eternal.
- God’s kingdom alone is eternal

Extra Reading

Exodus 18:13-27, Matthew 6:19-21, John 3:1-18, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, Colossians 2:11-12, Hebrews 9:11-12, Hebrews 9:24-26, Psalm 118:22-23, Isaiah 8:13-14, Isaiah 28:16, Matthew 21:42-44, Acts 4:10-12, 1 Corinthians 10:4, 1 Peter 2:4-8, Psalm 113:2, Jeremiah 32:19, Job 12:22, Psalm 139:12, Isaiah 45:7

Personal Reflection:

- What do you see and learn about God through this passage?