

Daniel 2:1-49 Babylonia Dreaming...



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Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

- 1. In the next 10 years, what will be the most serious issue the world will face? (choose only one):
 - a) Social/racial inequality; b) Poverty; c) Food and water security; d) Ongoing wars and conflicts;
 - e) Climate change; f) Pandemic/disease; g) Anarchy/breakdown of society.
- 2. Which superpower would you like to have? (choose only one): a) Mind reading; b) Invisibility; c) Teleportation; d) Flying; e) I already have a superpower.

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream 2:1-13

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar's advisors faced the "no win" scenario with their lives on the line. How did they respond?
- 2. What might their response help us to understand about the knowledge and wisdom of the world?

Daniel's Response 2:14-19

- 1. How did Daniel respond to the "no win" scenario?
- 2. What can you learn from Daniel's response that might be helpful for you?
- 3. What in God's response to Daniel might be helpful for you?

Daniel's Heart 2:20-23

- 1. In his prayer, Daniel focuses on: 1) God's power; 2) God's wisdom; and 3) God's mercy. These days, at the heart level, which of these three resonates more with you? Why?
- 2. Thinking about your own dialogues (pray and praise) with God (content, circumstances, focus, etc.), what in Daniel's prayer might be helpful for you?

God's Sovereignty 2:24-49

- 1. How does Nebuchadnezzar's dream demonstrate the sovereignty of God?
- 2. How would you put in your own words what it means that God is sovereign?
- 3. Is there anything or anyone that God is not sovereign over?
- 4. Why is it important that God gets the glory for revealing the meaning of Nebuchadnezzar's dream?
- 5. What are the results of Daniel trusting God when faced with the "no win" scenario?

Processing All That...

- 1. What is the purpose of prophecy (God revealing future history)?
- 2. What does it mean to you personally that God is sovereign?
- 3. These days, how might you apply the example of Daniel to the circumstance(s) of your life?
- 4. What difference do you think what we've studied in chapter 2 might make in the lives of others you interact with?