

Study of the Book of Daniel
Chapter 2 Nebuchadnezzar Dreams of an Image
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Read Daniel 2

As Christians, we should recognize that crises invite us to stand firm in our faith. This is evidenced in our seeking pray and other believers to stand with us in tough times. We should work on ways to rely on God through prayer and the support of others as we face trials. Our times of trials shows our true character and spiritual maturity. We can be encouraged that like Daniel, God hears our prayers.

1. When have you been in a crisis—either personally or by helping someone else through a difficult time? How do you feel now as you reflect on that experience?
2. There can be a gap between what we say we believe and what we actually believe. This gap will often be exposed by times of crisis or trial. Last week we talked about convictions. How easy is it to remain faithful to our convictions in times of trials or crisis? What has the trial or crisis revealed about your faithfulness?
3. Read Daniel 2:1-13. King Nebuchadnezzar need an interpretation to his dream. What was the threat that he decreed on the wise men and sayers of the land? Why was Daniel and his companions threatened as well?
4. God has revealed Himself by using dreams. We see this in Daniel 2. Joseph interpreted the Pharaoh's dream in Genesis 41. He had already interpreted the dream of a cupbearer and baker while in prison in Genesis 40. God spoke to Jacob in Genesis 28 and to Solomon in I Kings 3. In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit spoke to Joseph about the child Mary was carrying in a dream. Have you ever experienced or felt that God spoke to you in a dream or some other way during the night? How did you respond to the experience? How does this compare with other ways that God reveals Himself through scripture, church messages, prophetic words spoken into our lives by others, etc?
5. While God can and will speak to us through dreams, not every dream is a divine message. Sometimes dreams are simply dreams, but not always. How can we tell when the dream has been a divine appointment? How can we open ourselves to God working in ways that we don't usually expect Him to while also exercising wisdom?

6. Read Daniel 2:14-30. How did Daniel react to the crisis that he and his friends were facing? What is something that you would like to adopt from Daniel's response to life threatening danger?
7. When you read Daniel 2:19-23, what sticks out to you in this prayer? When have you responded like Daniel to something God has done for you?
8. In verse 24, Daniel asked the king's messenger to spare the lives of the wise men of Babylon. What does this reveal about Daniel's character in the face of danger? How can we be more others-minded when facing our own threats?
9. Please read Daniel 2:31-35. What was King Nebuchadnezzar's dream? Why was it so disturbing to him that he had to have the interpretation of the dream?
10. What does the image symbolize according to Bible scholars?
11. What does Nebuchadnezzar do in response to Daniel's interpretation of his dream? What do his actions say that he may be thinking?

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