

## Trust God – Not Circumstances

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Daniel 2

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- often troubled & unsettled men turn first to other men 4
- Neb wanted to test his so-called advisors 5-6
- Neb wanted truth, not lies 7-9
- Men alone can't know supernatural things 10-11

#### **The Ultimatum**

- God used a dream to expose false advisors & religions 12-13
- Truth comes from God alone – many claim to have that truth
- Liberals claim to 'explain' God's Word
- Fundamentalism: 1) Bible is inspired, infallible Word of God; 2) Virgin birth of Christ; 3) Christ's death was atonement for sin; 4) Bodily resurrection of Jesus; 5) Historical reality of miracles of Jesus
- Daniel as wise men caught in King's decree 13

#### **Daniel's Response**

**12-45**

- Prudent, humble & discrete 14-16
- Asked king for audience (previous reputation)
- Sought God first & asked others for prayer help 17-18
- God graciously answered 19
- Daniel gave glory to God 20-23
- Daniel used God's answer to protect life 24-25
- Daniel gave God the glory in his answer to the King 27-30
- The Dream - kingdoms are nothing compared to God 31-45

#### **Even Pagans can recognize God's Power**

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- King Neb saw God's hand through Daniel
- King Neb respected God's servant and sought to use him
- Will you trust God, seek to glorify Him and be used of Him for His glory?

#### **Discuss, Think & Apply:**

- Have you ever been troubled by dreams or sleeplessness? What did you do?
- How is the world today like Neb's advisors?
- Discuss Daniel's reaction to the decree? What would you have done?
- Daniel granted audience with the king. What must have been the relationship between Daniel & the king? How should we interact with unbelievers today?
- What lessons can you learn and apply from Daniel 2?

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