

Dan 2: 24-31
"There Is a God in Heaven"

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1. Introd.

- a. Come boldly to God's throne of grace - Heb 4:16
 - prayer important speaking to God
 - spend time in prayer with God
- b. Daniel prayed to God regarding king's dream - Dan 2: 20-23
- c. Nebuchadnezzar took best of Jewish youth captive

2. Kingdom Problem

- a. Daniel & his companions - Dan. 1:7
- b. Nebuchadnezzar king wanted captives trained in Babylonian mindset
 - but God gave knowledge, skill, & governmental position to Daniel
 - x Dan 1: 17, 19
 - king found these young man better - Dan 1:20
- c. King Nebuchadnezzar - Unpleasant Images
 - his spirit so troubled by his dream
 - he could not go back to sleep
 - x too much or too little sleep not good
 - x But God never sleeps or slumbers
- d. He calls his advisors Unfit Interpreters
 - he asked them to interpret his dream
 - but a catch - he didn't remember his dream
 - he demanded that they tell him his forgotten dream
 - they advised king that only non human gods can know -
 - Dan 2: 11
- e. Unreasonable Indignation
 - king ordered destruction of all advisors
 - authorities looked for Daniel to kill him & his friends
 - Daniel answered Arioch diplomatically - Dan 2: 14
 - x Daniel also asked for time - Dan 2: 16

3. Call to Prayer

- a. Daniel calls his friends to prayer
- b. Assembly
 - they wanted to live & not die - Dan. 2: 18
 - Acts 4: 23 Example of apostles in early opposition
 - Mt 18 Prayer = 2 or 3 gathering together in prayer
 - remember throne of grace seeking God's mercies
- c. Appeal
 - 1st step coming to God is for His mercies
 - they asked God for their lives
 - God gives Christian God's peace in troubled times
- d. Answer
 - God gave Daniel a night vision of king's dream
 - Dan 2: 19
 - Jesus told His disciples to knock, seek, & find answers in prayer

4. Adoration

- a. Daniel gave prayer of thanksgiving
 - Daniel blessed God's name - Dan 2: 20
 - He acknowledges that God can remove or raise up national leaders, & God can change political times
 - God has light in Him & reveals secret - Dan 2: 22
 - Daniel thanked God for his gifts for service - Dan 2: 23

4. Confident Profession

- a. Daniel answers King's demand
- b. Daniel describes King's dream
 - God in heaven who reveals secrets & makes future known
 - x King wanted to know latter days
 - x King forgot & was troubled
 - x God revealed future to King through God's servant
 - God still rules in affairs of human people
 - Dan 2:28
- c. Daniel describes King's dream - Dan 2:31-~~34~~35
- d. Daniel gives interpretation of dream - Dan 2:36-45