

Sermon Notes  
Daniel 2 Week 2 Pastor Ricky Chambers

**So how do you go from about to being torn limb from limb to being a part of the kings highest court and ruling over the province of Babylon.**

#### CONNECTIONS MATTER

It's not so much what you know, but WHO you KNOW.

Daniel, as we've seen is a man who KNOWS GOD, and because of that he's brought from death to life!!

**The threat: Tell me My dream and what it means or die.**

Verses:

Daniel 2:1 (ESV): Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him.

Daniel 2:5 (ESV): make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb,

Daniel 2:10–11 (ESV): 10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean.

11 The thing that the king asks is difficult, and **no one can show it to the king except the gods**, whose dwelling is not with flesh."

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Daniel 2:12–15 (ESV): Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. 13 So the decree went out, and the wise men were about to be killed; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them. 14 Then Daniel replied with ***prudence and discretion*** to Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. 15 He declared to Arioch, the king's captain, "Why is the decree of the king so urgent?"

**Lesson 1: When we're responding to outrageous accusations or excessiveness in punishment we must respond as Daniel does, with prudence and with discretion.**

We can learn from him to be prudent and discerning and to use discretion in all of our relationships, to speak in an unoffensive, level-headed, thoughtful

manner. That we are not governed by our emotions, but our emotions are governed by our reason.

### **Lesson 2: Seek support and prayers from trusted friends**

Daniel 2:17–18 (ESV): Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, 18 and told them to ***seek mercy from the God of heaven*** concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed

- a) Community – who are the “others” in your life?
- b) Prayer – who is praying for you, who are you praying for?

Daniel 2:19 (ESV): Then **the mystery was revealed to Daniel** in a vision of the night. ***Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.***

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Learn from the wisdom of Daniel and look how he prays a prayer of thanksgiving to God for answering their prayers. Have you thanked God for answered prayers for how he's worked in your life, for the ways he provides for you?

### **Lesson 3: Is that there are things that can only be made known by God.**

Daniel 2:26–28 (ESV): The king declared to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?” 27 Daniel answered the king and said, “No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, 28 ***but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known*** to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days.

**Daniel interceded on behalf of the wise men of Babylon and Christ Jesus has interceded on behalf of all humanity.**

The wise men were only saved because Daniel interceded on their behalf and God made a way for life, just as Jesus interceded on our behalf and made a way for life. But we must receive it, we cannot take it, or earn it, or purchase it, we must receive it, repenting of our old selves and receiving the grace of God.

Daniel and his companions seek God, God shows up! God shows up! Jesus says knock and the door will be opened, seek and you will find! You do not have because you do not ask. Ask, seek, knock, demand answers as Nebuchadnezzar did and God will meet you along the way, without fail, if you are truly seeking the living God, he will meet you, WHY? Because he wants to be found!

In Daniel 2:31-45, Daniel tells the king his dream and interprets it.

See what happens next Daniel 2:46-49

46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. 47 The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery." 48 Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel remained at the king's court.

**This is how Daniel goes from death to life, from certain destruction to high honor and authority:**

- 1) responding with prudence and with discretion,
- 2) seeking support and prayers from others
- 3) knowing there are things only God knows so he Depended on God, he had a grateful heart, and he gave God the credit for everything.

Those three things is what it looks like to be ten times wiser than anyone else in the golden Babylonian empire...

it looks like going from death to life abundant,

it looks like putting your faith in the author of Salvation, the one who takes us from death to life, the one who has purchased us with his blood and cleansed us from all unrighteousness,

it looks like, putting your faith in Christ Jesus.