

Series: Messages From the Major Prophets

MERCIES OF THE GOD OF HEAVEN

DANIEL 2

Text: Daniel 2:18

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¹⁸ That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

Introduction:

Following the great display of character and convictions Daniel is once again faced with a great crisis.

Note:

1. THE DREAM OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR

Daniel 2:1

¹ And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him.

Note

A. The Troubling From the Dream

- Character of the Troubling
 - First it affected his spirit – his spirit was troubled

His spirit was troubled.

The trouble was deep.

It was not some light troubling on the surface of life, but it affected him right down into his heart.

His emotions, his thinking, his outlook, and his attitudes were all affected.

His dreams took away his peace of mind.

- Secondly it affected his sleep – his sleep brake from him

Simply put he was troubled he couldn't sleep.

Note not only the “Character of the Troubling” but also:

Daniel 2:31-35

³¹ Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood

before thee; and the form thereof *was* terrible. ³² This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, ³³ His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴ Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. ³⁵ Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

- The Cause of the Trouble

No doubt there could be a number of reasons that could have caused Nebuchadnezzar to be troubled.

We'll consider only two.

- First the Subject of the Dream – Great or Large Image of a Man

The image itself no doubt was troubling.

Not only the subject of the dream troubling but note:

Secondly the Saviour Who Sent the Dream

No doubt the Lord was wanting to get Nebuchadnezzar attention.

Remember he had taken the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

God had some important truths to make known and so He upsets the mind and heart of Nebuchadnezzar.

2. THE DEPENDENCE OF DANIEL (VS. 17-49)

We'll look a little closer at this next week but I feel we should consider briefly:

- Daniels Trust In God

Daniel 2:16-18

¹⁶ Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. ¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: ¹⁸ That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.

Close:

When we find ourselves in times of uncertainty we too should consult with God and trust Him to give us the answers.