



Roar, Finding Truth in the World of Opinions

Part 2: God's Wisdom > Man's Wisdom

Key Text: Daniel 2

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

Daniel shows God's people how they can live in a culture that is toxic to their faith. Christ's followers can not only survive but succeed. We have to seek the face of God amid impossible situations.

Setting the Scene: Culture will try to rename you, and there will be pressure to conform; this calls for the resolve and tenacity of Christ-followers.

Among the few certainties in an uncertain world is the inevitability of change—a fact to which the living God and his Word are the only exceptions. Yet God, though unchangeable, is, as Emile Cailliet has said, "The great Doer of the Unexpected." What he does may surprise us, but nothing can ever surprise him.¹

From our human perspective, of course, change is not always a good thing. We can all think of changes that would hurt the church and culture far more than help the church. But how are we to identify biblically valid changes?

- King Nebuchadnezzar, with all his power, wealth, and worldly wisdom, was worthless in deciphering his dream. Our God has control over the universe!
- Do you need wisdom over an issue that you are facing? What are you facing that you are scared of losing sleep?

1. Settle for Truth (Daniel 2:1-15)

- False religions will leave you feeling bankrupt.
- When Circumstance Looks Hopeless, Trust in God
- Vs. 11, No one on Earth can tell you this dream. (However, God can) He is not a distant God; He is Immanuel.
- Trust that is steadfast in the midst of a struggle
- Trust that remains calm
- Trust that moves us to step out in faith

"Duties are ours; events are God's: *When our faith goes to meddle with events and to hold account upon God's Providence, and beginneth to say, 'How wilt Thou do this or that?' we lose ground; we have nothing to do there; it is our part to let the Almighty exercise His own office, and steer His own helm; there is nothing left for us, but to see how we may be approved of Him, and how we roll the weight of our weak souls upon Him who is God omnipotent, and when we thus essay miscarrieth, it shall be neither our sin nor our cross."²*

2. Seek God's Face (Daniel 2:16-23)

- This calls for prayerful dependence. It is admitting you do not have the answers.
- During this pandemic and time we are living, I am convinced we are called to pray like never before.
- Daniel gives us a great example of what to do when we need help from God.
- Vs. 17: Recruit a Prayer Warrior (Don't seek out people who do not know the Lord for wisdom in a situation)
- Vs. 18: Be Humble
- Vs. 18: Cry Out for Mercy from God
- Vs. 18b: Be Real and specific
- Vs. 19: Wait on Him

¹ <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/1981/october-2/heeding-whole-counsel-of-god.html>

² Samuel Rutherford, quoted in *Prodigals and Those Who Love Them*, Ruth Bell Graham, 1991, Focus on the Family Publishing, p. 106

If Daniel and the others are to have their lives spared, God will have to tell them what to say. That night Daniel's God speaks to him and describes to him the dream and its interpretation. Before rushing off to the court, Daniel prays again—this time not a petition for help, but a thanksgiving song.³

- Vs. 20-23: Praise God for; however, he answers.

Will you be a prayer warrior on behalf of our nation, community, and church?

3. Know the source of wisdom (Daniel 2:24-30)

- Always give God credit. We are called to draw attention to Him and not us.
- True wisdom is not a lesson to be learned, but a relationship to be enjoyed

¹⁸The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. ¹⁹As the Scriptures say,

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise
and discard the intelligence of the intelligent."*

²⁰So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. 1 Corinthians 1:18-21

One Last Thought: Daniel and his friends knew the importance of seeking God for wisdom and power in a time of crisis. God knows our future and has the power to guide our lives.

³ Longman, T., III. (1999). [Daniel](#) (p. 79). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.