

All I Have to do is Dream...

Daniel 2

Into the Lesson:

What are some of the tallest, oldest, most beautiful or most inspirational statues from around the world that you have either seen in person or in pictures (Google search is permitted)?

How does our Statue of Liberty compare in size to the biggest in the world?

How about Mount Rushmore? Is there a way for the "Mathletes" among us to calculate the height of the four presidents if they were standing?

Or the serene grandeur of Michelangelo's David?

Into the Word:

As you reread Daniel 2 mark the verses that speak to Daniel's character and his dependence on the One True God.

How important is Lane's assertion that it is by the Mighty hand of God that guided these young men and *not vegetarianism*?

How is the Chaldeans' answer to the king in vv. 10-11 somewhat prophetic even though they don't know it?

Spend some time in the following passages to be reminded of God's view of magicians, conjurors and sorcerers:

Leviticus 19:31; 20:6 & 27-

Deuteronomy 18:18:9-14-

II Chronicles 33:1-7-

How would you classify the discussion between Nebuchadnezzar and his "advisory board" (vv.2-5)?

Unless it's already been done, don't you think our multi-talented praise team should put vv. 20-23 to music (heavy on the drums)?

How does Daniel's request in v. 24 indicate his compassion for a group who are diametrically opposed to the One True God?

As pointed out last week, Daniel was in his middle to late teens when this period began. How do verses 14, 24, 27 and 30 indicate a young man of maturity and single-minded focus?

How does Daniel's life seem to reflect the "ambassador" concept Paul writes about in II Corinthians 5:17-20?

How could Psalm 33:10-12 (the whole chapter for that matter) have provided Daniel with the single-minded focus of his life?

Into Life:

How have recent national events provided an indication that the "Hand of God" is at work?

But what happens if our culture is not willing to accept or even acknowledge the God of the universe?

How do Lane's two key ideas provide us with our marching orders to proclaim the Sovereign God in our present-day Babylon?

**The powerful are only human-
Earthly kings and kingdoms will fail and fall-**

How might that play out with those in our culture who are diametrically opposed to the things of God? Or ignorant of their place in God's Story?

What is our responsibility as Ambassadors for God in helping others find their way?

Respond to Lane's proclamation, "...when we hear God's clear call to stand against the edicts of our culture, we don't fear losing our place".

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How can praying and memorizing Philippians 2:9-11 help us realize this truth?

God wants you to be like Daniel!