

THE BOOK OF DANIEL LESSON 5

Study Questions Daniel 2:17-30

Daniel's Prayer and God's Revelation

Pray for wisdom and understanding as we continue our study of Daniel.

1. Review: Why was the king so furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon?

2. What was Daniel's immediate response when he learned of the decree? How does his request demonstrate his great faith in God?

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3. What is Daniel's first action after his promise to the king?

4. What might be the significance of Daniel's use of his companions' Hebrew names, rather than the Babylonian names given to the captives?

5. To whom does he tell them to pray? (v. 18) What might be the significance of this name for God? (See also Gen. 24:3,7; Ezra 5:12; Neh 1: 4-5)

6. What are they to seek? How would their understanding of the attributes of God have given them confidence that He would answer their prayer? (See also Amos 3:7; Deut. 29:29)

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7. How does God answer their prayer? What is Daniel's response?

8. Daniel's psalm of praise and thanksgiving is considered one of the most beautiful praise prayers of the Bible. It shows the depth and understanding of his faith. What are the attributes of God that Daniel praises in vv. 20-22? How is each of these qualities especially significant in Daniel's situation?

9. How have you experienced any of these attributes of God in your own life? What additional attributes of God do you praise and rely on? What Psalms or other Scriptures of praise do you use in your own times of worship?

10. How does Daniel's prayer change in v. 23? What name does he now use for God? Why would he use this name here? (See Gen. 31:42, ...)

11. For what is he thanking God? How do the pronouns change at the end of verse 23? What does this indicate?

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12. What is Daniel's directive to Arioch in v. 24? What is Arioch's response in v. 25? What difference does this illustrate between the two men?

13. How does Daniel defend the other wise men and glorify God in vv. 27-28?

14. What might Daniel mean by “the latter days”? (Consider Gen. 49:1; Deut. 4:30; 31:29; Jer. 23:20, 30:24...)

15. What name does Daniel use for God in v. 29? How is this name significant as Daniel continues the narrative?

16. How does Daniel continue to demonstrate humility, wisdom and diplomacy as he prepares the king to receive the interpretation of his dream? 29-30

17. How has this study of Daniel challenged you in your prayer life and your responses to hardship and opposition to your beliefs? How might you seek to grow? What Scriptures will you rely on as you seek to glorify God more and more in your daily life?
