

# **EXILE: *Courageous Faithfulness*** ***Requires God's Wisdom***

**Daniel 2:1-49**

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## **DANIEL DEMONSTRATED WISDOM**

*“Are you able to make known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?” 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, 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.” (vv. 26-28)*

- **Wisdom perceives \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.**
  
- **Wisdom is \_\_\_\_\_ in advance.**
  
- **Wisdom \_\_\_\_\_.**

## **ELECT EXILES DEPEND ON WISDOM TO FLOURISH**

- **We live with a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ citizenship.**  
*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions... (1 Timothy 2:1-2)*
  
- **We have a \_\_\_\_\_ target.**  
*Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... (1 Chronicles 12:32)*
  
- **We remain \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon...seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jeremiah 29:4-7)*

## **GAINING GOD'S WISDOM**

- **We humbly acknowledge where wisdom \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:2-3)*

- **We \_\_\_\_\_ God's wisdom above all else.**  
*The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown. (Proverbs 4:7-9)*
  
- **We \_\_\_\_\_ God's wisdom in His word.**  
*The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart... (Psalm 19:7-8)*
  
- **We \_\_\_\_\_ God's wisdom in Christ crucified.**  
*And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:30-31)*
  
- **We \_\_\_\_\_ God's wisdom by relating rightly to Him.**  
*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. (Proverbs 9:10)*

**Next Week in EXILE:**

Courageous Faithfulness Pleases God Not Men  
(Daniel 3:1-30)

**Legend**

Wisdom perceives uncertainty as opportunity.

Wisdom is purchased in advance.

Wisdom adjusts.

We live with a kind of dual citizenship.

We have a moving target.

We remain engaged.

We humbly acknowledge where wisdom resides.

We prize God's wisdom above all else.

We learn God's wisdom in His word.

We experience God's wisdom in Christ crucified.

We access God's wisdom by relating rightly to Him.

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