

GOD ONLY KNOWS

Bright Lights in a Dark World: Daniel - 3

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Text: Daniel 2:1-24

Life Confronts Us With Mystery at Every Turn

"In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him." (Daniel 2:1)

Human Wisdom is Impotent in the Face of Life's Great Mysteries

"The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the king's demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh."" (Daniel 2:9-11)

True Wisdom Comes From a Relationship With God

"Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven." (Daniel 2:19)

The Chaldeans Were Wrong: God Does Dwell With Flesh

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known." (John 1:14-18)

Discussion Questions

- 1) What helpful insights did you glean from the sermon?
- 2) Describe a recent situation in which God gave you wisdom.
- 3) In what area do you most need his wisdom now?
- 4) Pray for one another.