



Series: Topical

Passage Daniel 2-4

Title: *Praise Of A King*

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Discussion Starter

As you reflect on the message this past Sunday, how did you see God working in Nebuchadnezzar's life? How has God worked in some similar ways in your life?

God is the God of the Spiritual Realm (Daniel 2:1-47)

- Why do you think God chose to send this dream to Nebuchadnezzar? How is this similar to the dream He sent to Pharaoh which Joseph interpreted? How does this speak to God's sovereignty?
- Nebuchadnezzar sends out a command to call all the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. Describe the difference you see in how these men respond to the king's request as compared to how Daniel responds when he hears the request of king Nebuchadnezzar? How does Daniel's example give us insight on how to respond to demanding people of authority in our lives?
- How does Daniel demonstrate his bold faith by the steps he takes to recall and interpret the meaning of king Nebuchadnezzar's dream? What are some of the details of how he goes about this seemingly impossible task that we can learn from when we are facing trials or the unknown in our lives?
- What was king Nebuchadnezzar's response to Daniel's recall and revelation of his dream? How do you think the king viewed God at this time and what do you think he was still missing? Read James 2:19. What insights are gained from this verse and how might it apply to us?

God is the God of the Spiritual & Physical Realm (Daniel 3:1-4:3)

- Read Daniel 3:1-11. Describe in your own words what you see taking place at this point in the story. How is this in any way connected to Daniel's revelation of the king's dream?
- Read Daniel 3:12-15. What is being exposed here about king Nebuchadnezzar in how he responds to finding out that Daniel's companions Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego refuse to worship his 90 foot gold statue of himself? Why do you think the king changed Daniel's and his companion's names? (See Daniel 2:17).
- How is God working on king Nebuchadnezzar through Daniel's companions, who refuse to bow down before the gold statue? Read Daniel 3:16-18. Discuss how these three gentlemen specifically respond to the king's threat. What lessons can we learn from how they responded and how would you respond if you were in the same circumstance?
- When king Nebuchadnezzar sees that nothing happens to Daniel's companions in the fiery furnace what does he now confess about God? Read Philippians 1:6. What does this reveal about God?
- **God is Worthy of Our Praise** (Daniel 4:1-37)
- King Nebuchadnezzar has a second dream and this one, once revealed by Daniel would cause him to have a heart of a beast and eat grass for seven years. What do you see as God's purpose for this affliction? Read Psalm 119:71 and 2 Peter 3:9. What additional insight do we see here about the character of God?
- Read Daniel 4:34-37. How has God restored king Nebuchadnezzar? What is different about him?