

DANIEL UNDERSTANDS THE DREAM WITH GOD'S HELP.

Bible Reference: Daniel 2:14-49

With counsel and wisdom, Daniel answers the guard sent to kill Daniel. He asks to speak to the king and requests more time to pray about the dream. He goes home and talks to his three friends about what happened. They all pray together and ask for God's help. Then God revealed to Daniel the same dream that the king had seen.

Daniel goes before the king and shares the dream and the understanding of the dream. The king is so moved by this that he falls before Daniel and confesses that God is above all.

Daniel's life is spared, he is promoted, and so are his three friends!

Bible Reference: Daniel 3:1-23

One day the king creates a giant golden statue around 90 feet tall. and he commands that everyone must worship this statue. If they don't worship this statue, then they will be thrown into a burning fiery furnace.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, Daniel's three friends, refuse to bow down and worship the statue. They decided to obey God when He spoke in Exodus 20:4-5 commanding them not to bow down before any statues or false gods.

The king finds out that they refused to bow down. He calls them to himself and gives them one more chance to bow down to spare their lives. The three refuse to obey the king, but rather, they obey God.

The king commands his guards to heat the furnace to 7 times hotter than normal and throw them into the furnace.

Mighty men from the king's army tied them up and threw them into the middle of a burning fiery furnace!

Come back next time!

LIFE APPLICATION

PSALM 107:19-20

**19 THEN THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD IN THEIR TROUBLE,
AND HE SAVED THEM OUT OF THEIR DISTRESSES.**

**20 HE SENT HIS WORD AND HEALED THEM,
AND DELIVERED THEM FROM THEIR DESTRUCTIONS.**

Daniel was in a very scary situation where he would have died, but because he trusted God completely, his life was saved. Instead of freaking out, he made the right choice by asking his friends to pray with him. God heard their prayer and saved them from a tough situation.

When we're faced with challenges or tempted to do wrong things, we can ask God for help, and He will assist us. Psalm 107:19-20 shows us that He will answer and deliver us.

God showed through Daniel that He is God. This was a direct response to the king of Babylon's pride. God will use us to speak to our friends and families through our actions and faithfulness to God and His way.

Let's pray this together:

Father, I ask in Jesus name for strength to stand up for what You say is right. I agree with Your Word. Ephesians 3:16 says: ...from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower me with inner strength through His Spirit.

So, I thank you for Your help in Jesus name..

Amen!

OBJECT LESSON

PRAYER IS THE KEY!

Bring up two children, give one child the key and the other one put the handcuffs on.

Ask the child in handcuffs to try and get out. (secure them so they cannot escape)

Explain how trying to set ourselves free or save ourselves doesn't work.

Then, have them ask the child with the key for help.

Explain how our first thought should be to ask the one with the key.

Explain how we should first look to God for our answer instead of trying to make our own solution to the problem.