

## Daniel 2:17-18

*Then Daniel went to his house, and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his companions might not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

A little background on what's going on in today's verses.

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream, which was so troubling to him that he wanted to know what the dream meant. But to make sure he got a true interpretation, he not only wanted to know what the dream meant, but that those who gave him the interpretation would also tell him what the dream was. Because if you can tell someone what the dream was, then you would consider their interpretation as true.

† **Daniel 2:2***Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king.*

But this freaked almost everyone out.

† **Daniel 2:4-5***Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation." The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream to me, and its interpretation, you shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made an ash heap.*

Did you notice that I said "almost" everyone, because today's verses tell of those who were not freaked out, which were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions. So what did they do?

- Well they posted on social media the injustice of king Nebuchadnezzar.
- Wait, no. What they did was get a bunch of people and persuaded them to start destroying things and demolishing business and letting king Nebuchadnezzar know that he can't push them around.
- Or did they picket and march upon king Nebuchadnezzar's castle or did they have convoys of chariots along the road.

Well, those all sound like what most would do today, but it's not what these four men of God did. Rather they did the same thing that all of us as Christians should be doing when crisis arises, and that is seek God's instructions, and when they did, the results were that: ***"Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven."*** Daniel 2:19

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The king gave a decree, and the believers thought, “*How does God want to deal with this, and how will HE (GOD) be glorified in this?*”

With so much going on in this world right now, the world is running around in a panic, but are we as Christians running around in a panic with them? Or are we not worrying or fretting, because our GOD is an Awesome GOD and we know that He is in control and our comfort is in Him and how He will deal with it all!

We have a choice; either to run around like the world does, and try and fix things our way, trying to save our own skin. Or to wait on the Lord and seek His counsel and not the counsel of the world or our worldly friends, seeking not just to save ourselves, but even that the lost would see the glory of God and be saved as well.

Did you ever consider that in today’s story? By Daniel and his three buddies seeking the Lord, they not only saved themselves, but also all the other wise men who were going to be killed because of the king’s decree.

† **Daniel 2:13** *So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and they sought Daniel and his companions, to kill them.*

† **Daniel 2:27-28** *Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these:*

So let’s keep praying for all that’s going on in this world, and that God would intervene, seeking HIS counsel and instructions. By doing so, not only are we helping our friends and families, but people all over the world, and isn’t that what we as Christians should be doing anyway!

† **Psalm 16:7** *I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons.*

† **Psalm 33:10-11** *The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.*

† **Proverbs 19:21** *There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD'S counsel--that will stand.*