

# YOU HAVE THE KING OF KINGS

DANIEL 2



So there came a time when King Nebuchadnezzar who ruled over all of Babylon had a dream. The dream deeply troubled him, so he asked his magicians, enchanters and astrologers to tell him of his dream, and also give him its interpretation. The astrologers, enchanters and magicians admitted that it was humanly impossible to do that and as a result of that, he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be put to death.

Amongst the wise men, there was a young man in exile named Daniel with his three other friends Shadrack, Mechack and Abed-Nego. When a guard was sent to Daniel to carry out the king's orders and having heard of the verdict, Daniel asked the king for more time, and he asked his friends to pray with him so that God would reveal the dream to him. God answered their prayers and Daniel was able to tell the king of his dream and also interpret it. As a result, Daniel and his friends were promoted to a higher position. Daniel also pleaded with the king for the astrologers, magicians and enchanters to be spared from death.

There's so much that can be drawn from this event, and the first is that God is the King of kings. Though Nebuchadnezzar was a powerful king with so much authority, a simple dream from God troubled him so much, and he couldn't sleep. With everyone who possesses some sort of authority here on earth, God is Lord over them, and He knows exactly how to deal with them. Some get carried away with the position they occupy, but just like king Nebuchadnezzar God dealt with him accordingly and took away his peace and sleep.

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Whenever you feel powerless before anyone or anything (the government, the system, boss at work, bank, leaders or parents) be encouraged because you have the Lord of all authorities on your side. It's so easy to fall victim to our leader's decisions, and it may feel as if our voices and opinions are not heard but in such situations don't let your heart be engulfed with despair and hopelessness, but instead turn to God who is the King of all kings, and Lord of all those in authority. Find comfort in the God that can take away the sleep of those in a higher position.

We find a similar story in Esther 6:1 and it reads as "That night the king could not sleep. So one was commanded to bring the book of the records ..." There was a man named Haman and he plotted to execute Mordecia, but God caused the king to lose his sleep. The king couldn't sleep because he wanted to reward Mordecia (the very man that Haman wanted to kill). God can cause people in high positions to lose their sleep, just for you to be sorted out. Let the word of Naomi to Ruth become your conviction "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day." Ruth 3:18 NKJV

"The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the Lord; he guides it wherever he pleases." Proverbs 21:1 NLT

Another truth from this event is that no matter your position in society, because of Jesus in your life you carry a solution for those in authority. "God lifts the poor and needy from dust and ashes, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people" Psalms 118:7-8. You have an answer to a question that troubles someone in a higher position; you have wisdom that they need to hear. Don't ever look down on yourself, because you have a gift that is key to unlocking their doors.

It is easy to identify that Daniel and His friends had God in them, and that distinguished them from the rest because the Bible says, "Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and wise men in his entire kingdom" Daniel 1:18-19. For the fact that you carry the King of kings in you, you will be found TEN TIMES BETTER in the eyes of this world. That's why the Bible says in Matthew 5, that we are the light and the salt of the world - we bring light and add flavour.



The turning point of this whole event started with the wisdom and the discretion with which Daniel handled the bad news. His reaction should resonate in us and push us to reflect on how we handle a crisis. It would have been easier for Daniel to panic and react in fear of the king's decree, but instead, he was wise in the way he spoke to the commander of the palace guard who was sent to execute him. He was also wise in asking the king for more time, but above all, he was wise to turn to the Lord (with his friends) and ask Him for the dream and interpretation.

How do we react when a crisis comes knocking at our door? Do we take the time to seek the Lord's face and ask for direction? We should always remember that God is the King of kings, and that the things that surprise us don't surprise Him. That very thing that seems to be a threat to us, God can and will use it to bring us to a place of elevation, just as He did for Daniel.

So whenever confronted with a crisis, call upon the King of kings for He knows how to turn situations around. The Bible says in Psalms 75:6-7 "The favour that brings promotion and power and position doesn't come from anywhere on earth, for no one exalts a person but God, the true judge of all. He alone determines where favour rests. He anoints one for greatness and brings another down to his knees."