



# FROM TRAGEDY To TRIUMPH

MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY REQUIRES GOD'S SUFFICIENCY DANIEL 2:46-49

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All Scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted. • When Pastor Joe's commentary is added, God's Word will be printed in regular faced text with commentary in the smaller faced text. • Biblical words, underlined with dots, are explained in the brackets. Pastor Joe's email is Joe@southreno.com. This passage can be found in the Pew Bible, in the Old Testament on pages 630.

“Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone;  
Dare to have a purpose firm, Dare to make it known.”

-Phillip Paul Bliss, *Dare to be a Daniel*, (Circa 1873).

## STUDY SECTION

### A GODLY HEART IS BETTER THAN A GODLESS THRONE

#### 1. The Prostration before Daniel

**Daniel 2:46, NASB95** -<sup>46</sup> *Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face*

[lit., 'came to his level' and 'came face to face'; KJV "fell prostrate"] *and did homage* [Heb.

נָסַד (sa-GEED) means to come 'honor' or 'profusely thank' (and not 'worship,' as we think of *worship*); remember that as a polytheist (who worshipped many gods), the king could easily add one more deity to all the gods he worshipped)] *to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense* [The king kept his promise about the reward].

#### 2. The Praise for Daniel's God

**Daniel 2:47, NASB95** -<sup>47</sup> *The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."*

#### 3. The Promotion of Daniel

**Daniel 2:48, NASB95** -<sup>48</sup> *Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.*

#### 4. The Presents for Daniel

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#### 5. The Petition of Daniel

**Daniel 2:49, NASB95** -<sup>49</sup> *And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court.*

## LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

### 'LIFE LESSONS' BASED ON DANIEL CHAPTER TWO:

**A. In life, we will face \_\_\_\_\_ demands.**

**Daniel 2:5, NASB95** -<sup>5</sup> *The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb and your houses will be made a rubbish heap.*

**B. In life, \_\_\_\_\_ demands force us to rely on God.**

**Daniel 2:15, NASB95** -<sup>15</sup> *...Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter...<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends...<sup>18</sup> so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.*

• Don't Panic • Do Pray • Do Praise • Do Present God His glory  
vv. 14-16      vv. 17-19      vv. 20-23      vv. 27-30

**C. In life, we serve a God for Whom \_\_\_\_\_ is impossible.**

**Ephesians 3:20, NASB95** -<sup>20</sup> *Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us....*

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**Mark 10:27, NIV84** -<sup>27</sup> *Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."*

Answers: 1. Impossible, 2. Impossible, 3. Nothing