

Primary Champs

Lesson 10
September 2, 2007



THE KING HAD A DREAM

Daniel 2:1-28

Not just children have bad dreams. One night King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, woke up from a dream. The dream bothered him so much that he could not go back to sleep for the rest of the night. The next morning he called for all the wise men in his kingdom to come to the palace.

When they all arrived at the palace, King Nebuchadnezzar told them that he had a dream during the night. Although he had forgotten the dream, he wanted these men to tell him its meaning. The man who could tell the king the meaning of his dream would receive great rewards.

These so-called wise men asked the king to tell them his dream, so that they could give him the meaning of it. The king told them, "...the thing is gone from me..." but he still demanded that they tell him the dream and its interpretation. If they were unable to do so, they would be killed and all of their possessions would be destroyed. These so-called wise men became very angry because they knew that they could not tell the king the meaning of his dream without hearing the dream first. The king could be told his dream and the meaning of it only through God's prayerful servant.

Daniel heard that King Nebuchadnezzar had ordered every wise man in the land to be killed because they could not tell him the meaning of his dream. Daniel went to the king and asked to be given time to pray to God and he would come back and tell the king the meaning of his dream. The king agreed and Daniel quickly left the king's palace and told Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego what was going on. Together the four prayed for mercy from God that He would save their lives. Their prayers were answered and God told Daniel of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and its meaning.

Daniel went back to the palace and told King Nebuchadnezzar his dream, and its meaning. Everyone knew that God was with Daniel. Daniel and the lives of all the wise men were spared.

KEY VERSE: *"I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee..."* (Dan. 2:23).

TODAY'S APPLICATION

The wise men were willing to lie and make up the meaning of the king's dream. But a true wise man named Daniel knew that true wisdom only comes from one source and that is God.

Daniel was given the king's dream and its meaning because he went to the One who brought the dream to the king in the first place. When Daniel and his friends prayed, God answered. One man who went to prayer spared the lives of all of the wise men in Babylon. And so it must be with us, not to trust in ourselves and try to do things on our own like those other wise men of Babylon, but like Daniel, we must pray to God for help.

CHAMP'S ACTIVITY

Unscramble the words below and tell what they had to do with today's lesson.

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