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## **“Divine Conduit”**

*“Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad.”  
(Proverbs 12:25 NKJV)*

### **Forebodings**

**Daniel 2:1-3** – (1) “In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. (2) Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. (3) And the king said to them, ‘I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.’”

### **The Dry Well of Humanism**

**Daniel 2:7-12, 16** – (7) “They answered a second time and said, ‘Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation.’ (8) The king answered and said, ‘I know with certainty that you are trying to gain time, because you see that the word from me is firm— (9) if you do not make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. You have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the times change. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation.’ (10) The Chaldeans answered the king and said, ‘There is not a man on earth who can meet the king’s demand, for no great and powerful king has asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or Chaldean. (11) The thing that the king asks is difficult, and no one can show it to the king except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.’ (12) Because of this the king was angry and very furious, and commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be destroyed. (16) And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time, that he might show the interpretation to the king.”

### **Response:**

#### **(1) Pray for Divine Insight**

**Daniel 2:17-23** – (17) “Then Daniel went to his house and made the matter known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, (18) and told them to seek mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his companions might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. (19) Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. (20) Daniel answered and said: ‘Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. (21) He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; (22) he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.’”

(23) To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

### **(2) Bring Clarity to the Confused**

Daniel 2:27, 29 – (27) “Daniel answered the king and said, ‘No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, (29) To you, O king, as you lay in bed came thoughts of what would be after this, and he who reveals mysteries made known to you what is to be.”

Daniel 2:47 – “The king answered and said to Daniel, ‘Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery.’”

### **(3) Keep God Front & Center**

Daniel 2:28, 30 – (28) “but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days... (30) But as for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because of any wisdom that I have more than all the living, but in order that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your mind.”

**Key Point: The World's Greatest Need is Heaven's Voice**

### **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I ready to be a spokesperson for God? (1 Peter 4:11, 3:15; Prov. 25:11)

Do I ask the Lord for specific words to share with confused, perplexed people? (Psalm 49:3; Is. 50:4)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)