



**THE DEVOTED LIFE OF DANIEL**  
**“The God of Heaven” Daniel 2:1-49**

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Daniel soon found that life in the royal court of Nebuchadnezzar was fraught with difficulties which were life-threatening. His response to his situation as a representative of “the God of heaven” is classic and provides a model for God’s people at all times.

**I. The King of Babylon.**

- A. Established on his throne—at the pinnacle of his power. v. 1a
- B. Troubled on his bed—he could not sleep. v. 1b
  - 1. He had a dream.
  - 2. He didn’t have an understanding.
- C. Paranoid in his court—“You have conspired to tell me.” v. 9
- D. Merciless to his advisors—“he ordered the execution.” v. 12
  - 1. He demanded they tell him the dream and the interpretation.
  - 2. They insisted only the gods could do that, and they weren’t available!

**II. The God of Heaven.**

- A. Daniel pleaded “for mercy from the God of heaven.” v. 18
  - 1. First, he approached the king’s man with “wisdom and tact.” v. 14
  - 2. Then he returned to his friends and exhorted them to pray. v. 18
  - 3. They asked for God to be merciful as they faced a merciless king.
  - 4. They received the answer—“the mystery was revealed.”
- B. Daniel “praised the God of heaven.” v. 19
  - 1. He approached the Lord with reverence—“the name of God.” Exodus 20:7
  - 2. He acknowledged the attributes and actions of the Lord.
  - 3. He articulated his appreciation for specific blessings received.
- C. Daniel proclaimed the God of heaven. v. 30f
  - 1. “There is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries.” v. 28
    - a. “The revealer of mysteries” knows “what is going to happen.”
    - b. He reveals what He wills, as much as He chooses. Deuteronomy 29:29
  - 2. “The God of heaven has given you dominion and power...” v. 37
    - a. “He sets up kings” (v. 21)—as He did Nebuchadnezzar.
    - b. “And deposes them”—thus the vision of the statue. v. 3f
  - 3. “The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed.”
    - a. By a rock cut out “but not by human hands.” v. 34
    - b. It will break the gold, silver, bronze, and iron regimes. v. 45
    - c. “The great God has shown what will take place in the future.”

**Points to Ponder:** There is a God in heaven who is very active on earth.