

This week we will study about a king who had a dream but couldn't remember it, and how Daniel asked God to reveal the dream and its meaning.

# A DAY WITH THE KING



"Together they sought for wisdom from the Source of light and knowledge. Their faith was strong in the consciousness that God had placed them where they were, that they were doing His work and meeting the demands of duty. In times of perplexity and danger they had always turned to Him for guidance and protection, and He had proved an ever-present help. Now with contrition of heart they submitted themselves anew to the Judge of the earth, pleading that He would grant them deliverance in this their time of special need." — Patriarchs and Prophets p. 493



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## The Forgotten Dream

Daily Devotional 54



**LET'S PRAY** Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for caring about me and my family. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 5:6, 7

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

### THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 2:1–13

#### KEY TEXT: Daniel 2:1

"Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him."

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Let us revise what we have discovered this week by doing a crossword puzzle.

#### CROSSWORD

#### ACROSS

- 1. Daniel always looked \_\_\_\_ to the God of heaven for his wisdom.
- 2. It was Daniel's habit always to \_\_\_\_\_ God for answered prayers.
- 5. God blessed Daniel with \_\_\_\_\_ and might.
- 7. One evening, \_\_\_\_\_ Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream.
- 9. Unfortunately, King Nebuchadnezzar did not always \_\_\_\_ what was pleasing to God.
- 10. We know that God \_\_\_\_\_ raise up kings and He can remove kings.
- 13. When the pagan wise men could not tell the king his dream and its meaning, he flew into a \_\_\_\_\_.14. Arioch \_\_\_\_\_ Daniel about the king's death decree.

#### DOWN

2. Daniel had to ask the king for more \_\_\_\_\_, so that he and his friends could have urgent prayer.

3. The king was not always patient and \_\_\_\_\_, so it was a miracle that he granted Daniel's request.

4. Remember, only days before, the king had sent Arioch to \_\_\_\_\_ all the wise men of Babylon.

6. Fortunately, Daniel had confidence that God would help him understand the king's \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Daniel was only interested in bringing honour and glory to God, not in the king's promises of silver or \_\_\_\_\_.

11. \_\_\_\_ last, Daniel was able to tell the king his dream and its meaning!

12. Only the true God of heaven could have given the correct meaning of the dream, and \_\_\_\_\_ the pagan gods of the other wise men.





**LET'S PRAY** Loving and patient heavenly Father, thank You for Your love and forgiveness towards me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

We discover that King Nebuchadnezzar had a disturbing dream which woke him from a deep sleep. He was extremely troubled because on awakening, he could not remember the dream. He immediately called his pagan wise men, magicians, astrologers and sorcerers. In Deuteronomy18:9-14 the Bible clearly warns that the practices of magicians, astrologers and sorcerers are an abomination to God. In other words, their so-called wisdom comes from Satan who is God's enemy.

At first the king offered gifts, rewards and great honour to anyone able to tell him the dream and its interpretation. Because the dream came directly from God, Satan was not able to pass any information to the pagan wise men. These men were now looking foolish. Finally, the king became extremely angry and ordered Arioch, the captain of the king's guard, to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

#### MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 5:6, 7

"Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves under the \_\_\_\_\_ hand of God, that He may \_\_\_\_\_ you in due \_\_\_\_, casting \_\_\_\_ your care upon \_\_\_\_, for He cares for ."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Daniel 2:1-23

#### TRUE OR FALSE

1. King Nebuchadnezzar's pagan wise men were magicians, astrologers, and sorcerers. \_\_\_\_\_

2. King Nebuchadnezzar's wise men obeyed the one and only true God that Daniel worshipped. \_\_\_\_\_

3. King Nebuchadnezzar was troubled by his dream.

4. King Nebuchadnezzar eventually remembered his dream after thinking about it for a while.

5. King Nebuchadnezzar was always patient and kind.

6. King Nebuchadnezzar ordered all the wise men of Babylon to be put to death.





**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, my Father in heaven, You are powerful and can do anything. Thankyou for hearing my prayers. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

What's the first thing we should do every time God answers our prayers? Yes, thank Him. And that's exactly what Daniel did. His prayer was full of joyful praise and gratitude to God for saving their lives!

The rulers of the earth may think they are in control, but we see from our reading today, that they are only in those positions because God allows them the opportunity to rule. As we previously discovered, with the various kings who ruled over Israel, some rulers chose to use their power for good while others used their power for evil. However, in the coming weeks we will notice that God prospers good rulers and removes wicked ones.

#### MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 5:6, 7

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## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

#### LET'S READ:

Daniel 2:14–16

#### KEY TEXT: Daniel 2:16

"So Daniel went in and asked the king to give him time, that he might tell the king the interpretation."

#### **WORD WISE**

Colour in the boxes that have the letters **W I S E** hidden in the word:







#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Daniel and his three friends constantly depended on God's power in all matters, whether small or very important. So, it was no surprise that Daniel asked Arioch for a little more time so that he and his friends could pray to God and ask for God's guidance in this very important matter.

**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, I want to thank You and praise You because You can give me wisdom and might, just as You did for Daniel. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **TIMES TABLES!**

#### MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 5:6, 7

"Therefore \_\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves under the \_\_\_\_\_\_ hand of God, that He may \_\_\_\_\_ you in due \_\_\_\_\_, casting \_\_\_\_\_ your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 2:20-23

#### KEY TEXT: Daniel 2:23

"I thank You and praise You, O God of my father; You have given me wisdom and might, ..."

Daniel asked for more time!

How many times can you see time represented below?





**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, I am thankful that You like to hear my prayers, especially when I need Your wisdom and guidance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Now, remember last week we learned that God had already blessed faithful Daniel with the amazing spiritual gift of understanding visions and dreams. Well Daniel's time had finally come!

Hang in, as we will be going on an amazing journey with Daniel as he swings into action.

#### MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 5:6, 7

"Therefore \_\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves under the \_\_\_\_\_\_ hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

#### LET'S READ:

Daniel 2:17, 18

#### KEY TEXT: Daniel 2:18

"that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven concerning this secret,..."

#### AMAZING!

Find out what secret was revealed by going through the maze.







**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, help me to use the spiritual gifts You give me to bless others and to honour You. In Jesus' I pray, Amen.

#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Daniel knew that only the true God of heaven knows everything. Daniel therefore asked Arioch for a little more time so that he and his friends could gather together for a very earnest prayer meeting.

How loving, caring and powerful is the God we serve! We also know from James 5:16 that the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person, one who is doing the right thing, carries a lot of weight with God. God wants to deliver us out of trouble and make us happy. Happy, caring Christians are a powerful and effective witness to others about the love of God.

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## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Daniel 2:19

#### KEY TEXT: Daniel 2:19

"Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of Heaven."

#### **GOD PROVIDES ALL THE MISSING PIECES!**

Choose the pieces that fit together and colour them in matching colours:













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**LET'S PRAY** Please Lord, strengthen me where I are weak and help me to have victory over temptations. I pray this in Jesus' powerful name, Amen.

#### MEMORY VERSE - 1 PETER 5:6, 7

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## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Proverbs 28:9

#### KEY TEXT: Proverbs 28:9

"One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination."

#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

For God to answer our prayers in such a powerful way, as He did for Daniel, we need to be humble and obedient just as Daniel was humble and obedient. Our text for today, in Proverbs 28:9, warns us of this.

The word "abomination," used in today's text, means hateful, sinful, wicked, or vile.

This word "abomination" is also used in Leviticus 11:3-23 when describing certain foods such as camel, rock hyrax, swine (pig), and other foods that God says we should not eat.

#### CAN YOU HEAR THE DIFFERENCE?

Which prayer do you think God wants to hear?

