



MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY

IN AND OF HIMSELF

MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY REQUIRES GOD'S SUFFICIENCY DANIEL 2:1-16

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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 628-629.

“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).

CHAPTER ONE REVIEW

1. This will be your **greatest trial**: To trust God when your world falls apart.
2. This will be your **greatest temptation**: To compromise your beliefs and be like everyone else.
3. This will be your **greatest triumph**: To stay pure in the midst of moral decay.

Most people know about the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. There never would have been Daniel in the Lion's Den had there not been the story of Daniel in the Dining Room—where he “determined in his heart not to defile himself” at an early age.

- Pastor Joe

STUDY SECTION

MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY

DANIEL 2:1-16

1. God distresses the _____ .

Daniel 2:1–3, NASB95 - ¹ Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, [the first world leader to conquer the entire civilized world] Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. ² Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. ³ The king said to them, “I had a dream and my spirit is anxious [lit., very deeply disturbed] to understand the dream.”

2. God disgraces the king's _____ .

Daniel 2:4–12, NASB95 - ... ⁵ The king replied to the Chaldeans, “The command from me is firm [Aramaic: lit., This is not going to change]; 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... ¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered [in Aramaic (until chapter 4)] the king and said, “There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean... ¹² Because of this the king became indignant and very furious...”

3. God gives discernment to _____ .

Daniel 2:14–16, NASB95 - ¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch... ¹⁵ “For what reason is the decree from the king so urgent?” Then Arioch informed Daniel about the matter. ¹⁶ So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

SEVERAL IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY TO REMAIN UNSHAKEN:

- A. The Insufficiency of Human Power to be sufficient. (The king)
- B. The Insufficiency of Human Wisdom to be sufficient. (The king's counselors)
- C. The Insufficiency of the Human Heart to want to be sufficient. (All the above)
- D. The ONLY solution to Man's Insufficiency is God's Sufficiency. (Daniel)

Answers: 1. King, 2. Counselors, 3. Daniel