



GOD'S SUFFICIENCY

IN AND OF HIMSELF

MAN'S INSUFFICIENCY REQUIRES GOD'S SUFFICIENCY DANIEL 2:17-23

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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 page 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).

STUDY SECTION

1. The _____.

Daniel 2:14–16, NASB95 -¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment [lit., tact] to Arioch [Heb. name: *Fierce lion*; the OT historian Herodotus told a story about Arioch being attacked by four armed men but Arioch killed them all], *the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;* ¹⁵ he said to Arioch, the king's commander, “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 [Nebuchadnezzar] that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.

**When you kneel before God in prayer,
you can stand before any man on Earth.**

2. The _____.

Daniel 2:17–19a, NASB95 -¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, ¹⁸ so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven [What are they doing? They are PRAYING!] concerning this mystery, [Heb. מְסֵטֶר (Raz); used 8 times in this one chapter; def., “A hidden truth that is revealed only to the initiated” (Kittel)] *so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.* ¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision [lit., dream].

3. The _____.

Daniel 2:19–23, NLT -¹⁹ That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven. [What is Daniel doing? PRAISING GOD!] ²⁰ He said, “Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power.” ²¹ He controls the course of world events; He removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. ²² He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though He is surrounded by light. ²³ I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for You have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of You and revealed to us what the king demanded.”

Why should we offer our praise to God?

- Because, He is a God of unsurpassed **wisdom** (v. 20)
- Because, He is a God of complete **power** (v. 20)
- Because, He is a God of unmatched **sovereignty** (vv. 21-22)
- Because, He is a God of continued **faithfulness** (v. 23)

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

WHAT CAN WE EMPLOY TO REMAIN “UNSHAKEN”?

A. The Precedence of PRAYER.

B. The Priority of PRAISE.

C. The Point to Prioritize: The ONLY solution to Man's insufficiency is God's sufficiency.

Philippians 4:6–7, NLT -⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Worry about nothing • Pray about everything

Answers: 1. Request, 2. Revelation, 3. Rejoicing