

THRONE WARS: WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE?
KINGDOM NIGHTMARES: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Daniel 2:1-30

6.9.24

A little light goes a long way in the pitch black

Six ways to honor God as the revealer of all true insight:

#1 REST EASY IN GOD'S PLAN: THE UNSTOPPABLE SOVEREIGNTY WE CAN TRUST (1-3)

True insight takes God to reveal our need for it

Two comforting reminders about God's sovereignty to help you rest easy:

#1 Trust His reach: No situation is beyond God's reach (1)

#2 Trust His reasons: Each situation has more than one angle going on in (2-3)

#2 REFUSE TO SETTLE FOR EMPTY CLAIMS: THE UNDENIABLE DEFICIENCIES WE CAN PERCIEVE (4-13)

True insight cannot be manufactured without God

Five common deficiencies for us to acknowledge in our human attempts at true insight:

#1 A lack of real sincerity (4)

#2 A lack of real credibility (5-6)

#3 A lack of real transparency (7-9)

#4 A lack of real ability (10-11)

#5 A lack of real necessity (12-13)

#3 GIVE THOUGHT TO WISE STEPS: THE REASONABLE STRATEGIES WE CAN EMPLOY (14-18)

True insight is not necessarily automatic

Two reasonable strategies to employ in times of need:

#1 Horizontally: Make reasonable appeals to your human authorities: Give thought to be wise and humble in response to those structurally in charge (14-16)

#2 **Vertically**: Make reasonable appeals to **divine** authority: Give thought to a wise and humble reliance upon the one ultimately in charge (17-19a)

#4 **MAKE TIME FOR TRUE PRAISE**: THE GRATEFUL WORSHIP WE CAN EXPRESS (19b-23)

True insight *is a blessing worth celebrating*

Two kinds of true praise to make time to express:

#1 **Descriptive** praise: Celebrate specifically about who God is and what he does (19b-22)

#2 **Direct** praise: Thank God personally for who he is to you and what he does for you (23)

#5 **STEP UP FOR OTHER'S GOOD**: THE RESPONSIBLE *INFLUENCE* WE CAN EMBRACE (24-26)

True insight *is granted to be lovingly shared*

Two ways to step up:

#1 Embrace the **compassion** you can show: Show kindness when and where possible (24)

#2 Accept the **confusion** you may have to face: Prepare for distortions of all kinds (25-26)

#6 **STAY TRUE TO GOD'S AIM**: THE REAL *GLORY* WE CAN HIGHLIGHT (27-30)

True insight *is always about God, not us*

Four ways to make sure God gets the glory:

#1 Emphasize human **inability**: Be clear on what man cannot do (27)

#2 Emphasize divine **supremacy**: Be clear on what God can do (28-29)

#3 Emphasize personal **instrumentality**: Be clear on your particular role (30a)

#2 Emphasize purposeful **responsibility**: Be clear on your job (30b)