

MITNESSES

He turns my challenges

IT IS WISE TO HONOR GOD BECAUSE:

³ The king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream." ⁴ Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in

into opportunities

Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation." 5 The king replied to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: 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 turned into a rubbish heap. ⁶ But if you declare the dream and its interpretation, you will receive from me gifts and a reward and great honor; therefore declare to me the dream and its interpretation." [...] ¹⁰ The Chaldeans answered the king and said, "There is no person on earth who could declare the matter to the king, because no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like

king demands is difficult, and there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh." 12 Because of this, the king became angry and extremely furious, and he gave orders to kill all the wise men of Babylon. 13 So the decree was issued that

the wise men be killed; and they looked

for Daniel and his friends, to kill them.

and revelation

DANIEL 2 3-6; 10-13 NASB

this of any soothsayer priest, sorcerer, or

Chaldean. 11 Moreover, the thing which the

IT IS WISE TO HONOR GOD BECAUSE: He is the One who gives wisdom, strength,

¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with discretion

and discernment to Arioch, the

captain of the king's bodyguard,

who had gone out to kill the

wise men of Babylon; 15 he said to Arioch, the king's officer, "For what reason is the decree from the king so harsh?" Then Arioch informed Daniel of the matter. ¹⁶ So Daniel went in and requested of

the king that he would give him a grace period,

so that he might declare the interpretation to the

king. 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

concerning this secret, so that Daniel and his

friends would not be killed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; 20 Daniel said, "May the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. ²¹ It is He who changes the times and the periods; He removes kings and appoints kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, And knowledge to people of understanding. ²² It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him. ²³ To You, God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For You have given me wisdom and power; Even now You have made known to me what we requested of You, For You have made known to us the king's matter." **DANIEL 2:14-23 NASB** IT IS WISE TO HONOR GOD BECAUSE: I remain faithful in the process of worship ²⁴ Thereupon, Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to kill the wise men of Babylon; he went and said this to him: "Do not kill the wise men of Babylon! Take me into the king's presence, and I will declare the interpretation to

the king." ²⁵ Then Arioch hurriedly brought Daniel into the king's presence and spoke to him as follows: "I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can make the interpretation known to the king!" 26 The king said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?" 27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the secret about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, sorcerers, soothsayer priests, nor diviners are able to declare it to the king. ²⁸ However, there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed. ²⁹ As for you, O king, while on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals secrets has made

known to you what will take place. 30 But as for

me, this secret has not been revealed to me for

any wisdom residing in me more than in any

other living person, but for the purpose of making

the interpretation known to the king, and that

you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

DANIEL 2:24-30 NASB

the twenty-four elders will fall

down before Him who sits on the

throne, and they will worship Him

who lives forever and ever, and

will cast their crowns before the

1 SAMUEL 2:30 NABRE

throne, saying, 11 "Worthy are You,

and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." **REVELATION 4:10-11 NASB** This, therefore, is the oracle of the Lord, the

our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor

God of Israel: I said in the past that your family

and your father's house should minister in my

presence forever. But now oracle of the Lord:

Far be it from me! I will honor those who honor

me, but those who despise me shall be cursed.

IT IS WISE TO HONOR GOD BECAUSE:

Then He can entrust me with greater authority 45b the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the

dream is certain and its inter-

pretation is trustworthy. 46 Then

Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and

paid humble respect to Daniel, and gave orders

to present to him an offering and incense.

⁴⁷ The king responded to Daniel and said, "Your

of Babylon, and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. ⁴⁹ And Daniel made a request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego over the administration of the

God truly is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of secrets, since you have been able to reveal this secret." 48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the entire province

province of Babylon, while Daniel was at the king's court.

DANIEL 2:45b-49 NASB