

## INTRODUCTION

- \* Last week, we began studying the book of Daniel and briefly considered three key elements that will be reflected throughout this book: The Impact of Daniel's God, The Impact of Daniel's Life, and The Impact of Daniel's Writing.
- \* In chapter 1, we immediately saw the impact of Daniel's life ... as he was taken by the Chaldeans, from his home in Jerusalem, to Babylon in order to serve Nebuchadnezzar (along with three other Jewish young men). In the midst of the international turmoil and personal afflictions, Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself - before his God. His decision had an effect upon the other three Jewish young men as well. Daniel's life began to make an impact in the lives of those around because of his commitment to YHWH.
- \* Today, we learn a bit more of this committed life and the impact that God will make, using Daniel, in the life and government of the most powerful man on earth - Nebuchadnezzar. We will take two weeks to consider this event, today looking at the Practical Application of Daniel's Faith, and, Lord willing, next week considering the Prophetical Interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream.

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE T \_\_\_\_\_ OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR (v. 1-7)

#### A. His D \_\_\_\_\_

1. HIS C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1,3)
2. HIS C \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2)

#### B. His D \_\_\_\_\_

1. THE R \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2-9)
2. THE R \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-11)

#### C. His D \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9-13)

### II. THE C \_\_\_\_\_ OF DANIEL (v. 8-14)

#### A. His P \_\_\_\_\_ to Arioch (v. 14-16)

#### B. His S \_\_\_\_\_ to YHWH (v. 17-23)

1. A DISPLAY OF CONFIDENCE (cf. Proverbs 3:5-8; 16:20-21; 28:25-26; 29:25)
2. A DISPLAY OF FAITH (cf. Matthew 8:5-13; 8:23-27; 9:18-26; 9:27-31; 17:14-21)

#### C. His P \_\_\_\_\_ to Nebuchadnezzar (v. 24-30, 46-49)

1. DANIEL'S HUMILITY (v. 26-30; Proverbs 20:6; Habakkuk 2:4; Galatians 2:20)
2. DANIEL'S HONOR (v. 46-49)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR BELIEF IN THE ABILITIES OF GOD?
- \* DO YOU LIMIT GOD BY YOUR LIMITED FAITH?
- \* DO YOU TEND TO SEEK GLORY FOR YOURSELF, OR DO YOU TALK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS DONE?
- \* WHAT IMPACT IS YOUR FAITH HAVING ON THOSE AROUND YOU?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

## INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- \* Read Psalm 62. How does this Psalm apply to our discussion regarding the believer's role in, and relationship with, the government (or governing authorities)? Remember, the author of the Psalm was David who was "the authority."