

God has a purpose behind your problems

Daniel 2:12-23

¹² Because of this the king became indignant and very furious, and gave orders to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. ¹³ So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill *them*. ¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon; ¹⁵ he answered and 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 that he would give him time, in order 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 in order that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. ¹⁹ Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; ²⁰ Daniel answered and said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. ²¹ "And it is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men, And knowledge to men 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 Thee, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, For Thou hast given me wisdom and power; Even now Thou hast made known to me what we requested of Thee, For Thou hast made known to us the king's matter."

I. Point 1: _____

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What is the purpose of God in life trials?

James 1:2-4

II. Point 2: _____

Daniel's response to his crisis:

III. Point 3: _____

James 1:5

God's purpose for Daniel:

Conclusion: God has a purpose behind your problems.

Bible Study Questions:

1. What was God's purpose for Daniel behind this story? (also see Daniel 2:48-49)
2. How did Daniel respond his crisis?
3. How did God train Daniel through his stormy situation?
4. In light of James 1:2-4, what is your priority to realize when facing your own life problems?