

## Daniel 2: Stand Aside – Part 2

### RECAP

Marks of spiritually resilient people:

1. Understand the Importance of Living in Community.
2. Understand that their Suffering has Meaning in the Eyes of God.
3. Resolve to Honour their Deepest Values

- Sovereign in crisis
- Subjects in crisis
- Saints in crisis

Revelation versus Reason

"I am not God"

#### 1. Sovereign

#### 2. Subjects

There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans." (vs. 10-11)

#### 3. Saints

Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him." (vs.24)

"This is a lesson in true tolerance. We do not tolerate people with whom we agree – the word itself indicates that it is people with whom we disagree. But we support their right to hold and express their world-view, provided it is without threat or incitement to violence. However, in many countries, tolerance has degenerated into a simplistic, all-affirming political correctness: a debilitating and very dangerous attitude that prevents people saying what they believe in case anyone should take offence. It is the very antithesis of free speech, and it is having a paralysing effect on public discourse." **John Lennox**

"I have found a man among the exiles from Judah who can tell the king what his dream means."

No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, **but there is a God in heaven** who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. (vs. 27)

This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. (vs. 36)