

The Rock that Stands

Daniel 2

Intro: the sky is falling

The story of this chapter in Daniel describes the perspective given to Daniel and his friends when their sky was falling. It also helps us with perspective to understand that the sky has indeed fallen for the purpose of God.

1. Man's Demand (v. 1-16)

- *A Tormented King Demanding Answers*
- *An Unreasonable Demand*
- *Severe Climate Change*
- *God in the Skyfall*
- *God's Wisdom Prevails*

2. God's Plan (v.17-23)

- *Getting Down to Business*

Psalms 56:10-11 - *In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?*

Matthew 10:28 - *And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

Job 33:15-17 - *In a dream, in a vision of the night,
when deep sleep falls on men,
while they slumber on their beds,
then he opens the ears of men
and terrifies them with warnings,
that he may turn man aside from his deed
and conceal pride from a man;*

- *Praise for the God of the Mystery*

John 1:14 - *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

- *Wisdom Cradled in Humility (v.24-30)*

'In contrast to the self-promoting way of the world, we should constantly seek occasions to exalt and declare publicly the praises of our God. Whatever gifts and abilities we have, whatever successes we may meet with in life, all of them are ultimately the work of the one who gave us those gifts and opportunities, along with the diligence and perseverance to pursue them. We are simply God's servants, doing the work he has assigned to us; he deserves all of the praise and adoration.'

Iain Duguid, Daniel

'[Humility] is the sense of entire nothingness which comes when we see how truly God is all, and in which we make way for God to be all' **Andrew Murray, Humility**

3. The Rock that Stands (v.31-45)

- *The Dream and Interpretation*
 - Gold
 - Silver
 - Bronze
 - Iron
 - Iron and Clay

- *The Rock Is Christ's Kingdom*

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 - *For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

Philippians 2:5-8 - *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

Luke 20:17-18 -

But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written:

*"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone"?*

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

- *Servant's Heart Rewarded (v.46-49)*

'Wherever you are, be all there! Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.'

Jim Elliot

Conclusion: fall on the rock and live