

Read Daniel 2:17-24

17 Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened.

18 He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.

19 That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.

20 He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power.

21 He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.

22 He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light.

23 I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength. You have told me what we asked of you and revealed to us what the king demanded."

24 Then Daniel went in to see Arioch, whom the king had ordered to execute the wise men of Babylon. Daniel said to him, "Don't kill the wise men. Take me to the king, and I will tell him the meaning of his dream."

After Daniel asked the king for more time to interpret his dream, what did he do next (v. 17)? He went home and told his three friends what had happened.

What did he urge his friends to do (v. 18)? Pray like crazy for God's mercy. And ask God to tell us the secret of the dream that no one could figure out. So they wouldn't be killed.

What happened that night (v. 19)? Daniel had a vision from God that revealed the king's dream and what it meant – a direct answer to prayer.

Notice the pattern of Daniel's prayer of praise (vv. 19-23). What did he praise God for in:

vv. 19-20? He praised God for who He is (a great way to start any prayer)

v. 21? God is in control of everything. He is powerful.

v. 22? God knows and can reveal the future.

v. 23? Thanksgiving and praise for answered prayer; for revealing the meaning of the dream

After Daniel was done praying, what did he do (v. 24)? He went to see Arioch who was the man who was supposed to kill them.

What did he say to Arioch? He asked Arioch to take him to see the king. He told him that he knew what the dream was (implied) and what it meant.