

# Deeper Living: Acknowledge God as King!

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## **“Habits of Transformation”**

**Internal:** (the invitation)

Deeper communion with God

Deeper prayer life

Deeper study/Deeper love for God's word

**External:** (the outgrowth, the “overflow”)

Deeper commitment to service and Ministry

Deeper worship

Deeper application of God's word

Deeper connection with the body of Christ

Daniel = “God is my judge”; Belshazzar = “Bel, protect the king”.  
Hananiah=“the Lord is gracious”; Shadrach= “the command of Aku”  
Mishael=“who is like the Lord”; Meshach= “who is what Aku is”  
Azariah=“the Lord is my helper”; Abednego= “servant of Nego”

Chapter 1: These men had great ability... it came from their God.

Chapter 2: God has ability to tell the future... and control it.

Chapter 3: God is great and powerful in the lives of others... and in the life of the King (and you).

How about you? What have you realized about Who God is and what power He has in your life?

Daniel Chapter 4:9-37

*27 Therefore, may my advice seem good to you my king. Separate yourself from your sins by doing what is right, and from your injustices by showing mercy to the needy. Perhaps there will be an extension of your prosperity.”*

What should we learn from Nebuchadnezzar?

1. Recognize that not only does God know all that will happen... He controls it.
2. Know that God’s power in the lives of men is not limited to “the other guy” – God has power in your life.
3. Believe that God loves you so much that He is willing to crush anything that keeps you from Him, including your own pride... or stupidity.
4. And KNOW that when God disciplines you, it is NOT to destroy you, but to cause you to turn to Him, to acknowledge His rightful place as Lord and King, and to worship Him.

Will you praise Him as King today?