



**FAITH, FREEDOM, & FITNESS**

# **DAILY BREAD**

**Wednesday, May 20  
Daniel 4:1-3**

***King Nebuchadnezzar,***

***To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth:***

***May you prosper greatly!***

***<sup>2</sup> It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.***

***<sup>3</sup> How great are his signs,  
how mighty his wonders!***

***His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;  
his dominion endures from generation to generation.***

**We've all had "mountaintop moments" that draw us closer to God. If we're lucky, we've even experienced them in the gym, on the competitive platform, or in "iron" fellowship. 😊**

**While we may never have experiences like King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, these moments are awe inspiring. The key is to not let them slip away after the wonder wears off, but to treasure them always and share them with others so that we never forget the greatness of our Lord.**



**Today's verses begin in the form of an official document released by the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. His tone is calm, in contrast to his prior moments of uncontrolled rage. This shows how God had changed Nebuchadnezzar through the humbling experience described in the previous chapter.**

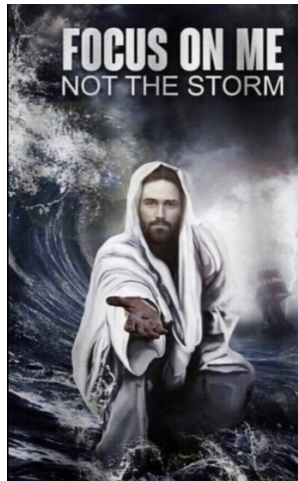
**The king reverses the true God, whom he calls "Most High." While he is probably not speaking of God as the one and only God and Creator, the king recognizes the power and influence of the Lord worshipped by men such as Daniel and his three friends.**

**This declaration of praise is part of King Nebuchadnezzar's official statement about his humbling experience is most likely a result of God's power being demonstrated in Daniel's interpretation of his troubling dream and God's miraculous power in the fiery furnace. The verse speaks of God's universal kingdom which includes heaven and earth. As a sovereign over the universal kingdom, God rules over the affairs of human beings and nations.**



**Romans 13:1 exhorts:**  
**“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.**  
**For there is no authority except from God,**  
**and those that exist have been instated by God.”**

*In Christ, Spero*



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