

When God Showed Up

Scripture: Daniel 2:10-11, 27-28
John 1:14
Matthew 1:22-23

Introduction

The world view, "God is there somewhere, but he doesn't care about me," is shown in the passage from Daniel. These men didn't believe the gods lived among men. But God showed us his loving concern by coming to live among us.

I. The world's dilemma

Daniel 2:10-11 NIV The astrologers answered the king, "There is not a man 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. 11 What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among men."

- A. Confronted by rare, difficult circumstances
- B. Only the "gods" have the answer
- C. God doesn't live here

II. Our God's answer

Daniel 2:27-28a NIV Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about. 28 But there is a God in heaven that reveals mysteries...."

John 1:14 NIV The word became flesh and lived for a while among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Matthew 1:21-22 NIV All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 22 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" -- which means "God with us."

- A. God will give you the answer
- B. God has come down to live with you
- C. Mephibosheth at David's house

2 Samuel 9:7-8 NIV "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." 8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should take notice of a dead dog like me?"

- 1. Crippled
- 2. Living in Lo-Debar (Pastureless, the land of no bread)
- 3. His disability didn't show when he sat at the king's table

III. Our response

Revelation 3:20 NIV Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

- A. God designed man with an empty place only He can fill
- B. Ask Him to fill the emptiness in your life

Conclusion

God wants you to bring your crippling sins, faults, failures and circumstances to Him. His word says he is knocking at your heart right now. Invite him to come in.