

EZEKIEL 36:16-21

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REPUTATION: FOR MY HOLY NAME

Here is the Bible passage and some questions to use as you listen to the sermon

16	The Word of the Lord came to me:	Who is speaking?
17	“Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds....	What does “defiled” mean? Were their ways and deeds good or sinful?
18	So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it.	Who poured out wrath on the Israelites? What is wrath? How does God feel about idols? What does the commandment tell us about idols?
19	I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them.	What did God do to punish the people? Have you ever heard someone say that actions have consequences?
20	But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned My holy name, in that people said of them, ‘These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of His land.’	What does “profane” mean? How can we profane God’s name?
21	But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.	
	Will God judge you for your actions? Why or why not? Who did God judge? What did Jesus do in your place?	

#1 What Israel did

#2 What God did

#3 What God will do

Blessed be
the Name
of the Lord

Psalm 113:2



Daniel was taken from Jerusalem to Babylon where Nebuchadnezzar was king. He loved being king and how all the people under his rule obeyed him. Daniel always honored the Lord God Almighty. He was not worried about his reputation and what the king thought about him. One night King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that he wanted to understand. Daniel was taken in to tell the king the meaning of the dream. He was promised great gifts and rewards. He said that God would reveal it to him. Daniel prayed and then told the king the meaning: he saw a statue that represented his kingdom which was glorious but only for a while. But one day God would set up His kingdom. It would not be destroyed. Was Daniel's interpretation in the king's favor? No. But King Nebuchadnezzar rewarded Daniel. Daniel honored God's name. God honored Daniel. We honor God's name by what we say, what we do and how we live for His glory.

Daniel 2 Reputation: For God's Holy Name

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King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. ² He commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers tell the King his dreams. ⁴Then they said to the King, "O King, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation." ⁹But he said: "If you do **not** make the dream known to me, there is but one sentence for you. Therefore tell me the **dream**, and I shall know that you can show me its interpretation." ¹⁰They said, "There is not a man on earth who can meet the King's **demand**... ¹¹The thing that the King asks is **difficult**, and no one can show it to the King except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh." ¹²Because of this the King commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be **destroyed**. ¹³So the decree went out, and the ¹³ wise men were about to be killed; ¹⁶And Daniel went in and requested the king to appoint him a time that he might show the interpretation to the king. ¹⁷**Daniel** made the matter known to his companions, to **seek** mercy from the God of heaven ¹⁹Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a **vision** in the night. Daniel blessed the God of heaven, **Blessed be the Name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might.** ²² "He reveals **deep** and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light **dwells** with Him." ²⁶The king said to Daniel "Are you **able** to **make** known to me the dream that I have seen and its interpretation?" ²⁷Daniel said, "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery that the king has asked, ²⁸but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to you what will be in the latter **days**. ³¹You saw a great image. ³²The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and **clay**, and broke them in pieces. " But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ⁴⁶Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his **face** and paid homage to Daniel, and commanded that an offering and incense be offered up to him. ⁴⁷The king answered and said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this mystery."

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Daniel knew: God is here. He can reveal the meaning of the dream. Was Daniel worried about his reputation and what the King would think about him? No! Daniel said: Blessed be the Name of God forever and ever!

What was revealed from the dream? The kingdom of God, not Nebuchadnezzar and not Daniel, will cover the earth forever. Jesus shows us the nearness of God. In Jesus, God revealed Himself. Through the cross Jesus wins our reputation in the kingdom of God. His Name is to be praised. He gives us a new name, His Name is put on us: Christian.