

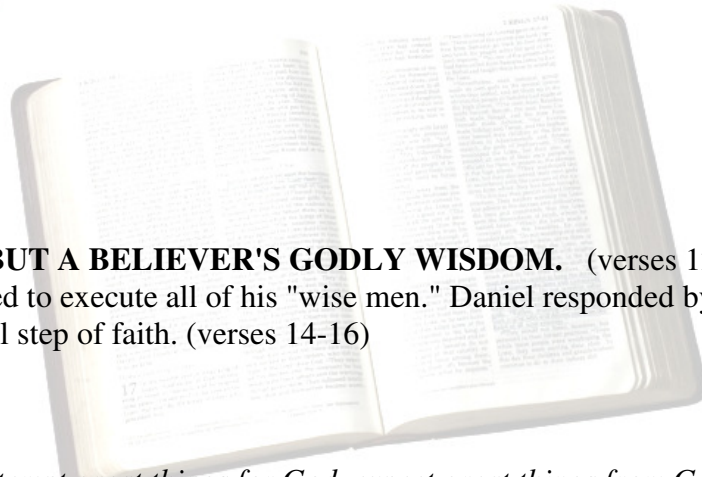
## DANIEL 2:1-30 WORLDLY WISDOM AND GODLY WISDOM

### INTRODUCTION

In Daniel Chapter 2 we see a fascinating contrast between worldly wisdom and godly wisdom.

#### **A KING'S ANXIETY AND A KING'S WORLDLY WISDOM.** (verses 1-11)

The King's anxiety was triggered by a series of vivid dreams. The people of the ancient Near East placed great significance on dreams. They believed that dreams and their outcome followed empirical rules which, given sufficient data, could be discovered. They therefore compiled lengthy *Dream Manuals* which listed dreams people had had and the events which had followed. Nebuchadnezzar refused to tell his officials the content of his dream, and therefore they could not look it up and suggest its interpretation.



#### **A KING'S ANGER BUT A BELIEVER'S GODLY WISDOM.** (verses 12-30)

The angry King decided to execute all of his "wise men." Daniel responded by:

1. Taking a wonderful step of faith. (verses 14-16)

*Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God.*

- William Carey.

2. Praying with his fellow believers. (verses 20-23)

Daniel and his friends prayed for their lives.

3. Giving all the glory to God. (verses 27-30)