



Daniel 10: Fresh Bread and Coffee

In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belshazzar).

Its message was true and it concerned a great war. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision.

² In those days I, Daniel, was mourning for three weeks.

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³ I ate no choice food; no meat or wine touched my lips; and I used no lotions at all until the three weeks were over.

⁴ On the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was standing on the bank of the great river, the Tigris, ⁵ I looked up and there before me was a man dressed in linen, with a belt of the finest gold round his waist.

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⁶ His body was like chrysolite, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like flaming torches, his arms and legs like the gleam of burnished bronze, and the sound of his words like the sound of a multitude.

⁷ And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.

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⁸ So I was left alone, gazing at this great vision; I had no strength left, my face turned deathly pale and I was helpless.

⁹ Then I heard him speaking, and as I listened to him, I fell into a deep sleep, my face to the ground.

¹⁰ And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

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¹¹ He said "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you."

And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

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12 Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them."

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Proverbs 4:7

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To get wisdom is better than gold; to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 16:16

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When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 11:12

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"Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his... He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you..."

Daniel 2:20 - 23

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The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out...¹³ Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.

Leviticus 6:12-13

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2 Corinthians 5:21

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Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

Hebrews 7:27

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...we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing

2 Corinthians 2:15

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He has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

1 Corinthians 1:30

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I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:20

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:3

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- i. ...who is the wisdom of God

- ii. ...who humbled himself

He did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:6-8

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4. True worship is costly

...in view of God's mercy, to offer our bodies
as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God

Romans 12:1