

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings Psalm 133
 Daniel 2
 Acts 4:23-31

Today's Scripture Verse: *The king 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." (Daniel 2:47)*

What it means: The Book of Daniel was written sometime after the Babylonian Exile, when many Jews were taken from their homeland to live in Babylon, where King Nebuchadnezzar ruled. I would suggest reading chapter 2 in its entirety. It is an enjoyable tale about how Daniel prayed for God's answer to a mystery posed by the king's dream.

Our time of reflection: Dreams and visions played a large role in the religious thoughts of ancient people, and sometimes were thought to foretell future events. The message of Daniel is how God protects those who are faithful even in times of great misfortune. Do you think our own dreams and visions become positive pathways of hopefulness for us when they arise out of our faithfulness?

