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Today's Scripture Passage:

Daniel 4:1-9

King Nebuchadnezzar,

To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth:

May you prosper greatly!

² It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

³ How great are his signs,
how mighty his wonders!

His kingdom is an eternal kingdom;

his dominion endures from generation to generation.

⁴ I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. ⁵ I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me. ⁶ So I commanded that all the wise men of Babylon be brought before me to interpret the dream for me. ⁷ When the magicians, enchanters, astrologers and diviners came, I told them the dream, but they could not interpret it for me. ⁸ Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)

⁹ I said, "Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no mystery is too difficult for you. Here is my dream; interpret it for me.

Questions:

1. How would you describe Daniel's spirit and outlook in Dan. 4:1-3?
2. How do vss. 4-37 relate "chronologically" to vss. 1-3 in Daniel 4?
3. Nebuchadnezzar was troubled of afraid because of his nightmare or vision.(vs. 5) What did he do about it?
4. Why do you think he consulted Daniel or Belteshazzar?
5. Was Nebuchadnezzar given anything to help him face or deal with his fear of the unknown? What?
6. What does this passage teach us about God?

Prayer:

1. Pray for our new national leadership.
2. Pray for our search for a pastor.
3. Pray for Bob Fulton's complete recovery from open heart surgery.