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THE REVEALER OF SECRET THINGS

One of my most favorite movies of all time is “The Secret Garden.” A young orphan girl goes to live in a large estate home and discovers a garden that had been shut away for a long time. She manages to transform it into something beautiful. I will not tell you the rest of the story, you must watch it for yourself.

In Daniel chapter 2 King Nebuchadnezzar has a very troubling dream. He called in his magicians to interpret it without giving them any information to go on. It was a secret and he wanted them to “read his mind.” Since they were unable to do this, he was filled with wrath and determined to destroy all the wise men of Babylon.

When Daniel heard of this he went to the king and desired more time to allow God to give him the interpretation of the dream. He let his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah [Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego] know what was happening and told them to ask God for mercy and reveal this “secret” dream to Daniel so they would not perish.

In Daniel 2:19-23 it says, ***“Then [after they prayed] was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: <sup>21</sup> And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understand: <sup>22</sup> He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. <sup>23</sup> I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou has now made known unto us the king’s matter.”***

Daniel did not seek knowledge from the world. He did not seek counsel from anyone but God. He continuously sought God and had such a deep personal relationship with God that he knew that God could reveal this dream to him. He trusted God to reveal it and God did that. They were all spared because of Daniel’s God.

Daniel’s God is our God also. He has secrets that he wants to reveal to those that diligently seek him. He knows all the ins and the outs. He rewards them that spend time with him, [Hebrews 11:6b] and this was the case with Daniel. Daniel was a man of prayer. He spent much time every day alone with God in prayer, and because of this he heard the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar’s.

I believe that the days ahead are going to be hard days, but if we seek God diligently, he will show us secrets and give us insight to not just survive, but to flourish. The key is to diligently seek him. I see those secrets like that “Secret Garden,” where we go there privately and come out of there transformed.

