

Outline

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Nebuchadnezzar

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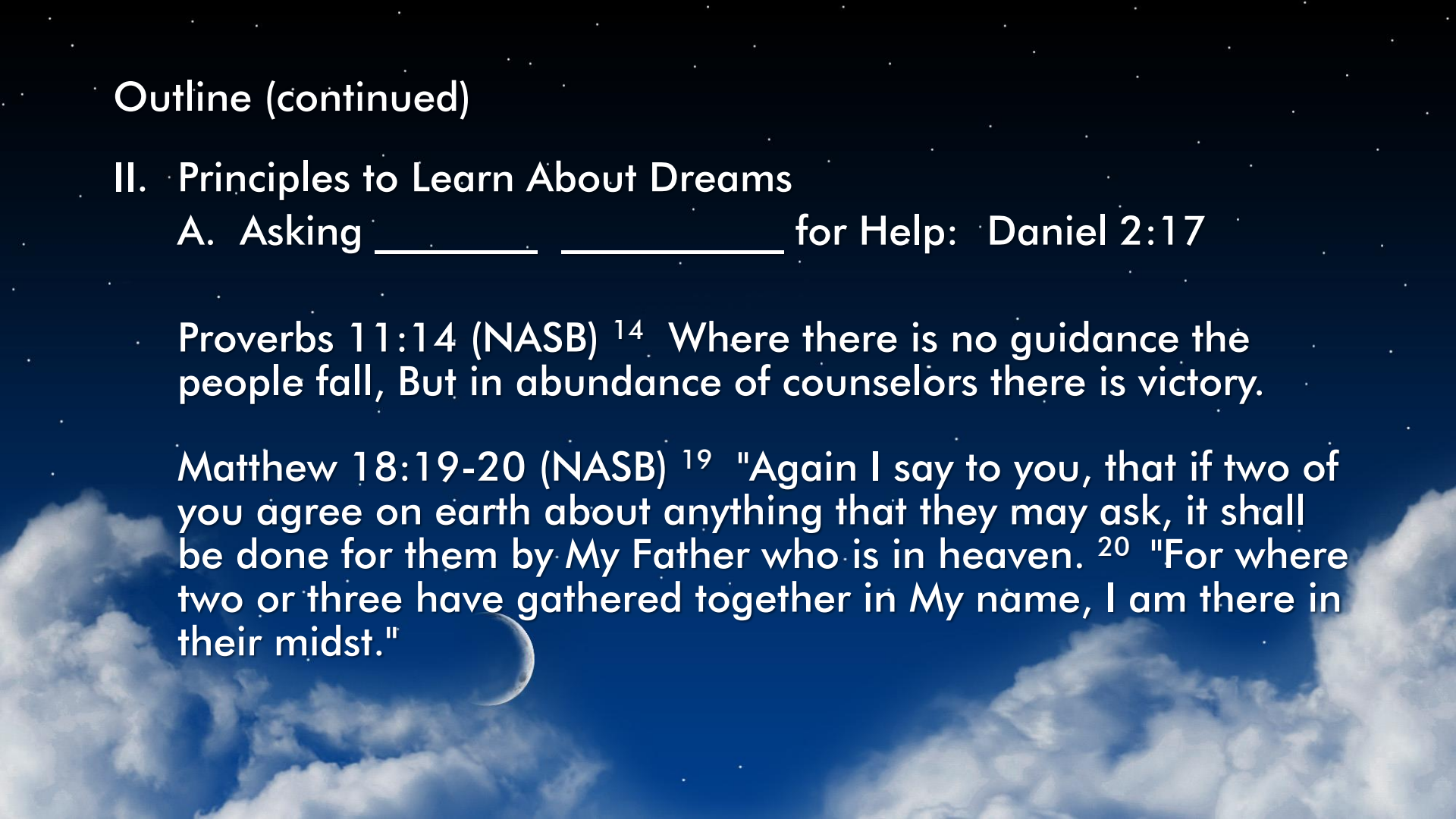
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II. Principles to Learn About Dreams

A. Asking _____ for Help: Daniel 2:17

Proverbs 11:14 (NASB) ¹⁴ Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Matthew 18:19-20 (NASB) ¹⁹ "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."



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B. Asking _____ for Help: Daniel 2:18

Proverbs 2:6 (NASB) ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 33:3 (NASB) ³ 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

James 1:2-9 (NASB)

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C. Be A Person of Wisdom & Understanding Daniel 2:21

1. Knows The _____ of God Daniel 2:21,19-23
John 14:13-15; 15:7

John 14:13-15 (NASB) ¹³ "Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. ¹⁵ "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

John 15:7 (NASB) ⁷ "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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2. Gives God the _____

Daniel 2:28-29

3. Is _____

Daniel 2:30

4. Is _____

Ezekiel 14:13-14,19-20; 28:3

Daniel 1:8

Conclusion:

Joel 2:28-29 (NASB) ²⁸ "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. ²⁹ "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Message slides



DANIEL

A Kingdom Worth Living For

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Sleep, Dreams, Problems & God

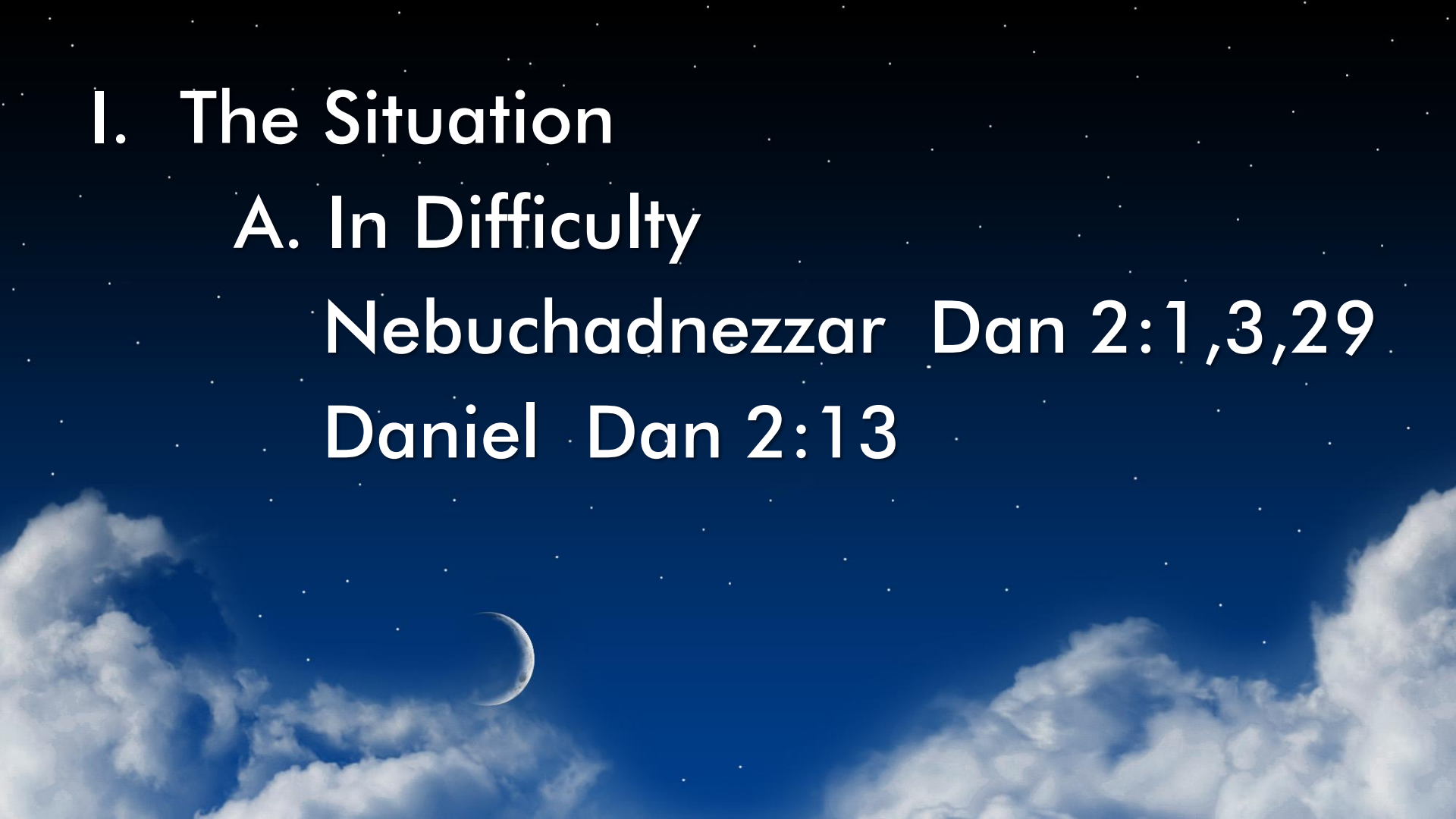
Daniel 2:1-6,13,19-23 (NASB)

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Daniel Dan 2:13



¹ Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

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Daniel 2:1 (NASB)

³ The king said to them, "I had a dream and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."

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Daniel 2:3 (NASB)

29 "As for you, O king, *while* on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.



Daniel 2:29 (NASB)

¹³ So the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they looked for Daniel and his friends to kill *them*.



Daniel 2:13 (NASB)

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¹⁴ Then Daniel replied with discretion and discernment to Arioch, the captain of the king's bodyguard, who had gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon;



Daniel 2:14 (NASB)

¹⁶ So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king.



Daniel 2:16 (NASB)

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¹⁷ Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Michael and Azariah, about the matter,



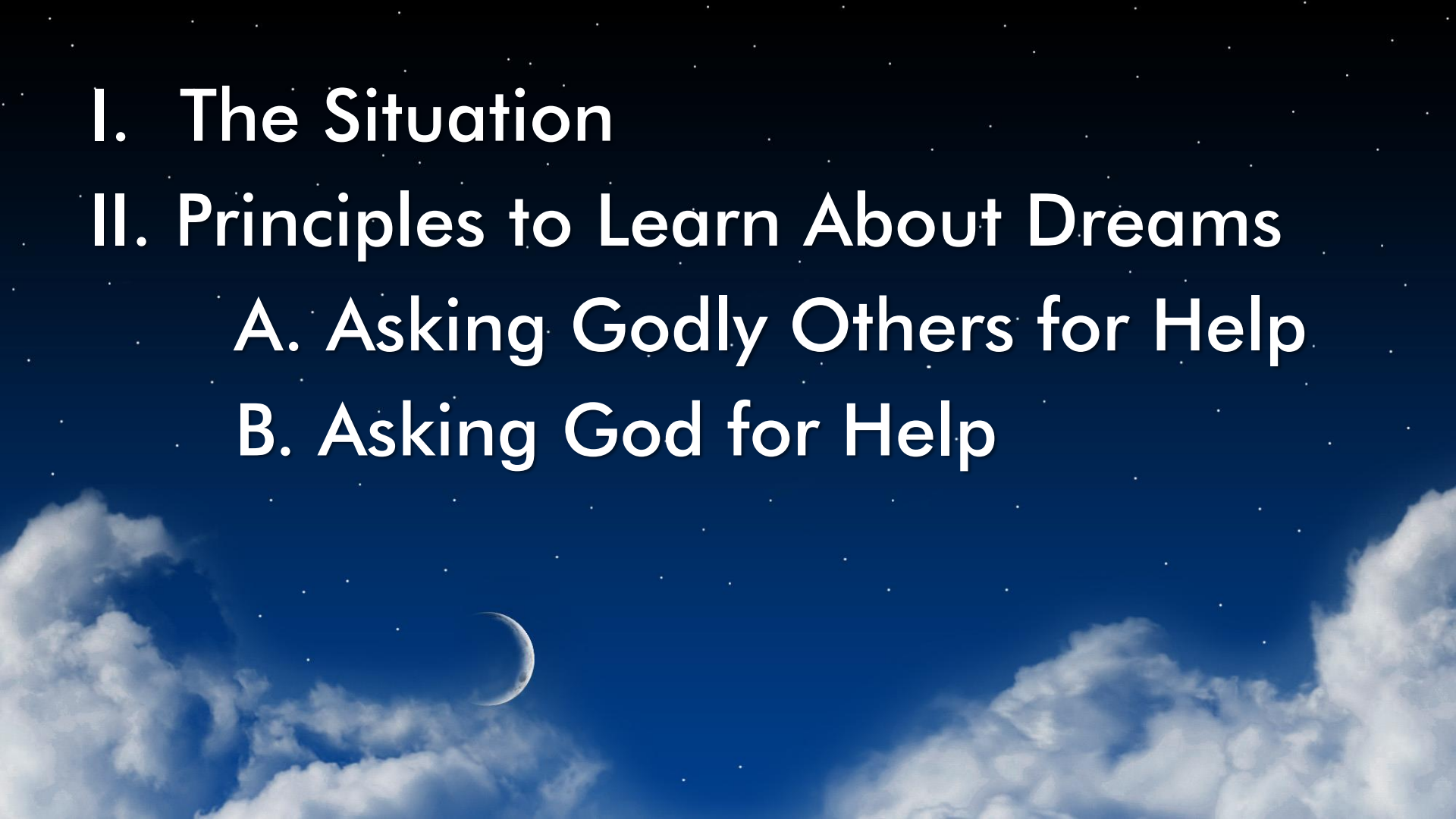
Daniel 2:17 (NASB)

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B. Asking God for Help



¹⁸ so that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends would not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.



Daniel 2:18 (NASB)

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C. Be A Person of Wisdom &
Understanding

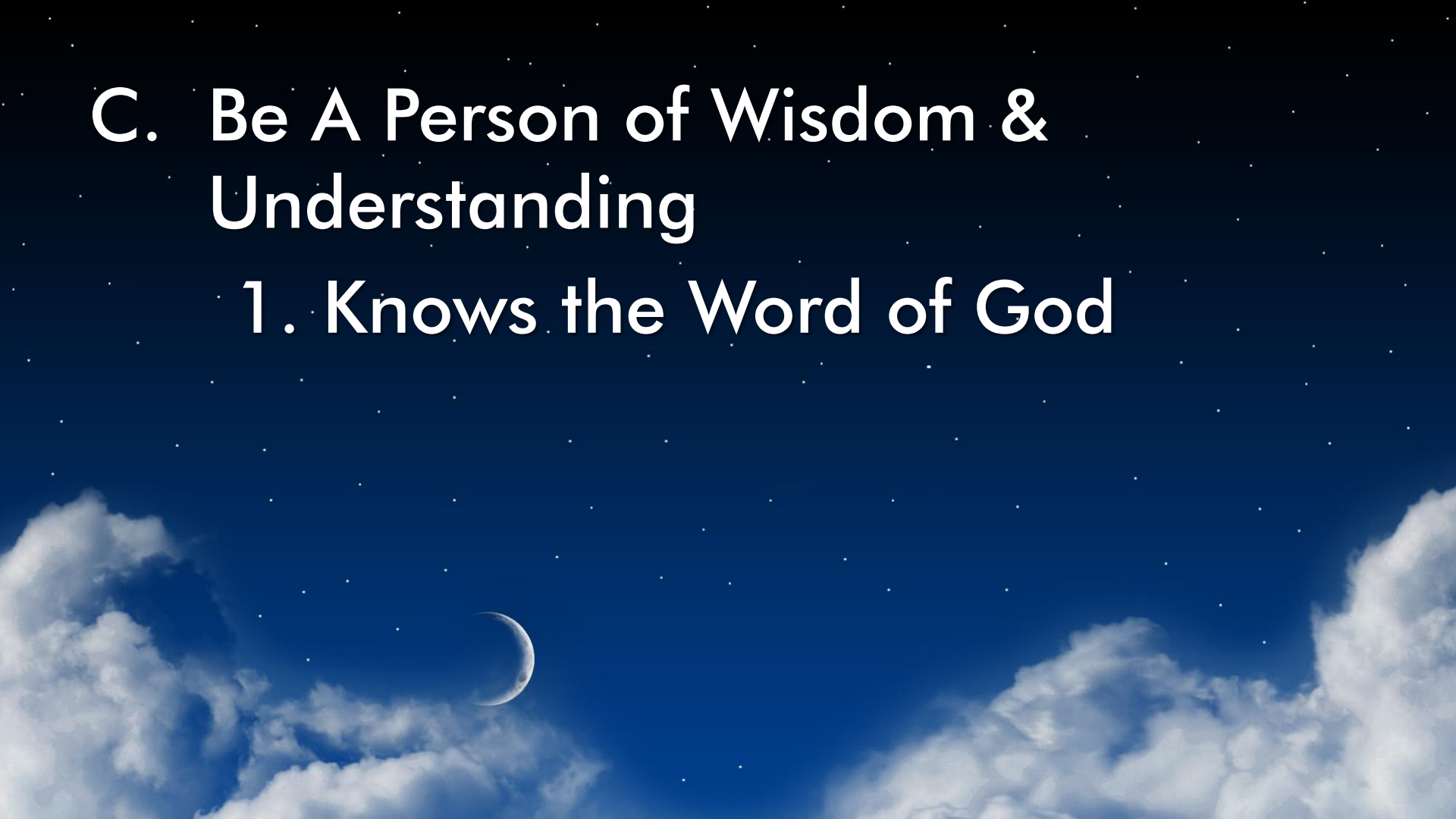
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Daniel 2:21 (NASB)

C. Be A Person of Wisdom & Understanding

1. Knows the Word of God



19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven;

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Daniel 2:19 (NASB)

20 Daniel said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him.



Daniel 2:20 (NASB)

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and the epochs; He removes kings
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Daniel 2:21 (NASB)

22 "It is He who reveals the profound
and hidden things; He knows what is
in the darkness, And the light dwells
with Him.

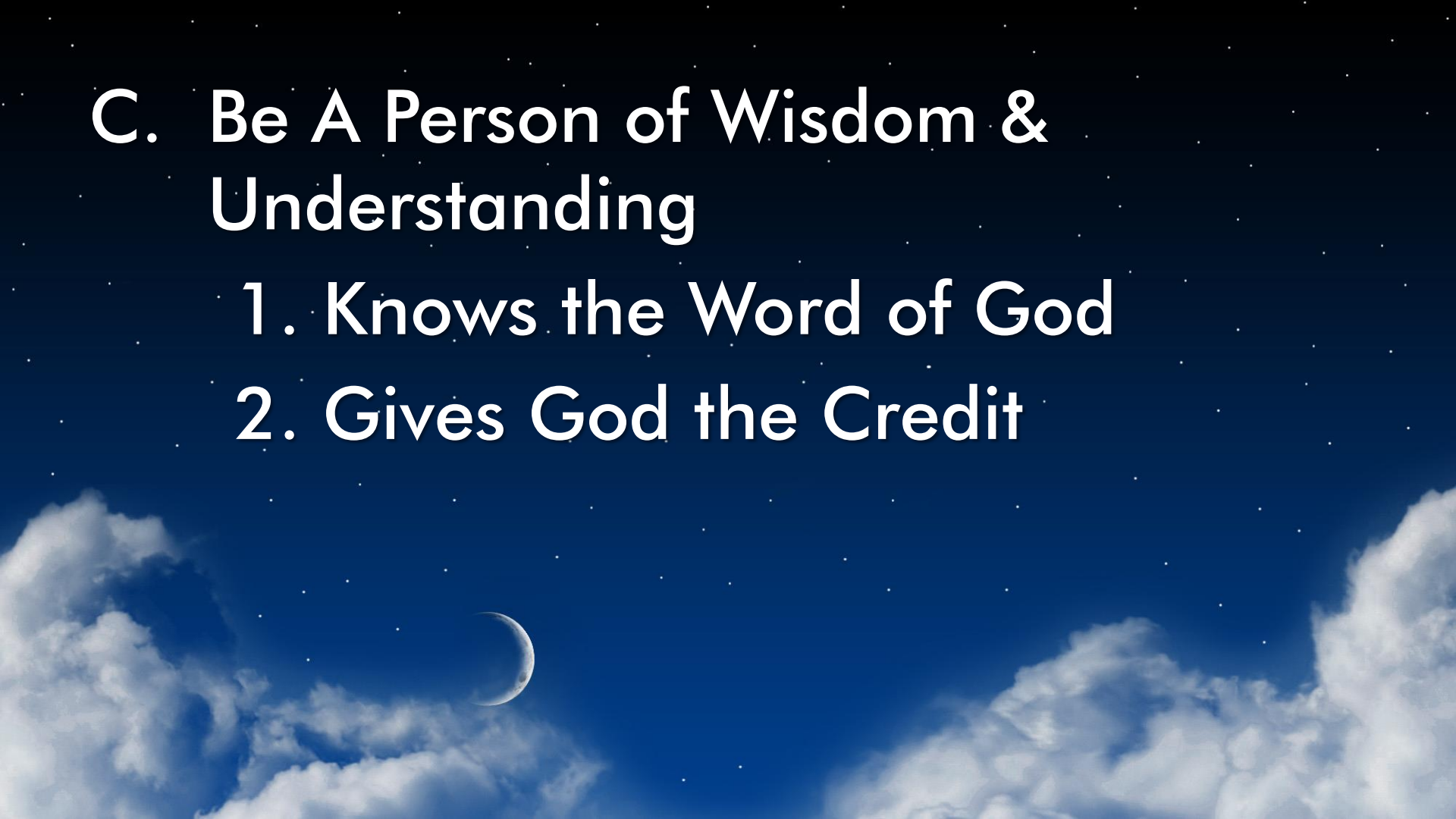


Daniel 2:22 (NASB)

23 "To You, O God of my fathers, I
give thanks and praise, For You have
given me wisdom and power; Even
now You have made known to me
what we requested of You, For You
have made known to us the king's
matter."  Daniel 2:23 (NASB)

C. Be A Person of Wisdom & Understanding

1. Knows the Word of God
2. Gives God the Credit



28 "However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind *while* on your bed.

 Daniel 2:28 (NASB)

29 "As for you, O king, *while* on your bed your thoughts turned to what would take place in the future; and He who reveals mysteries has made known to you what will take place.



Daniel 2:29 (NASB)

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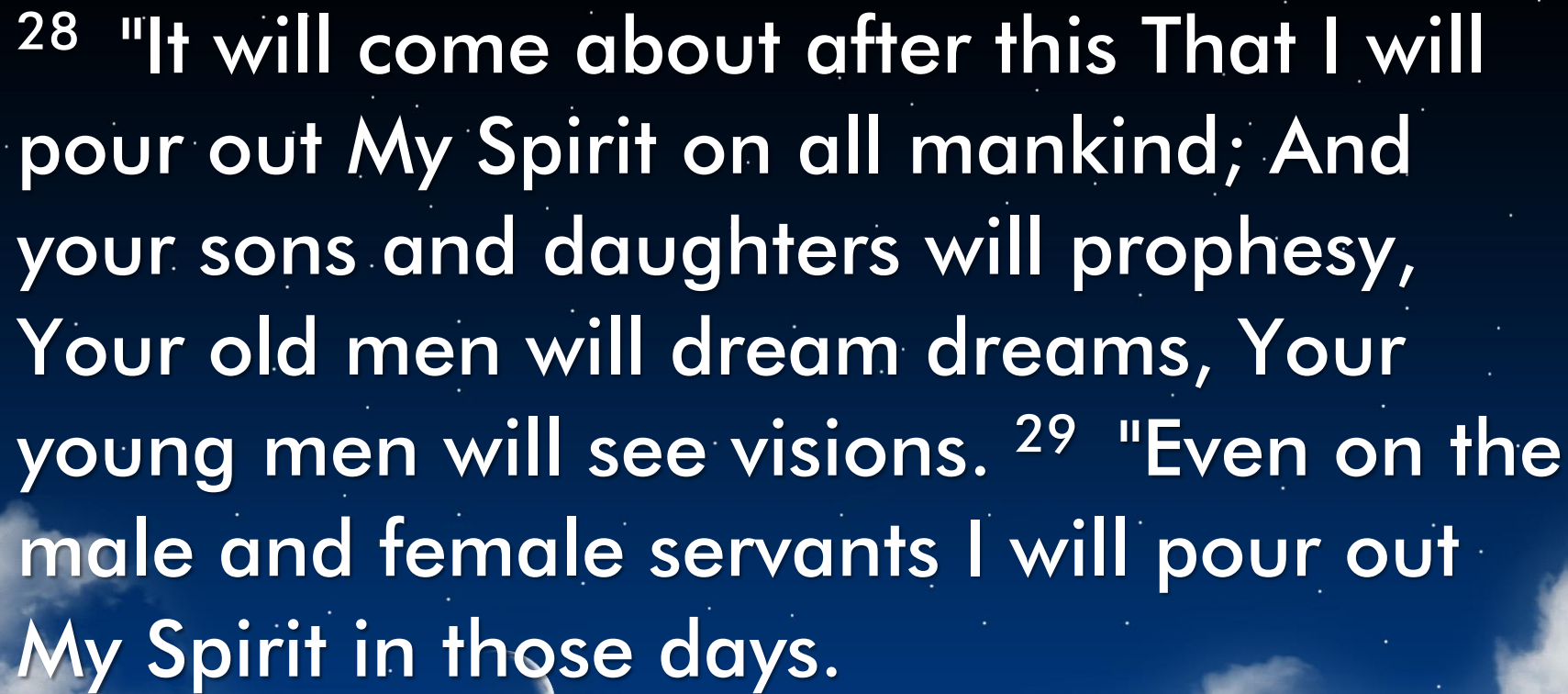
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3. Is Humble

30 "But as for me, this mystery has not been revealed to me for any wisdom residing in me more than *in any other* living man, but for the purpose of making the interpretation known to the king, and that you may understand the thoughts of your mind.

 Daniel 2:29 (NASB)

C. Be A Person of Wisdom & Understanding

1. Knows the Word of God
2. Gives God the Credit
3. Is Humble
4. Is Righteous

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young men will see visions. 29 "Even on the
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Joel 2:28-29 (NASB)

Questions

1. Is there a recurring or disturbing dream you have had?
2. What is your belief about dreams? Do you believe they are significant? Do you believe that they are purely psychological? Or demonic? Or of God? What Biblical basis do you use to support your beliefs?
3. Why do you believe that God gave Nebuchadnezzar, an ungodly king, this dream? Does this line up with the belief by some that God only gives dreams to Christians? Have you heard any reports in these days of non-believers having dreams from God or of Jesus? Please share.
4. Why do you think Daniel asked for the prayers and of his godly friends in Daniel 2:17? What benefit would come from others praying to God about a dream?

Questions

5. What benefit does Daniel have in taking his request to God in prayer in Daniel 2:18? What other Christian traits does taking our problems, anxieties, troubles, or dreams to God tell about a person? Share how you have received help from the Lord in a difficult time as you went to prayer.
6. Where does wisdom and understanding come from? See Proverbs 2:6 James 1:2-9. What do you learn about wisdom and understanding from these verses?

Questions

7. Daniel is a man of wisdom and understanding. Last week, we learned that these come from the Lord and a healthy “fear of God.” (see Proverbs 1:7; 10:9-10). In Daniel 2:19-23, Pastor Randy shared that Daniel uses terms and phrases from eight books of the Old Testament and 22 different Scriptural references in his praise of God. Why would being full and knowledgeable of the Word of God be helpful in understanding your troubles, anxieties and dreams?

Questions

8. In Daniel 2:28-30, we read that Daniel gives the credit to God and is also humble in that he says no wisdom or power resides in himself. He is humble and selfless as he gives the glory and credit to God. Are most of our dreams about ourselves? Or are most of our dreams about others? Why do you think this is?
9. What could be the cause of a recurring dream or nightmare that we have? What should we do about it?