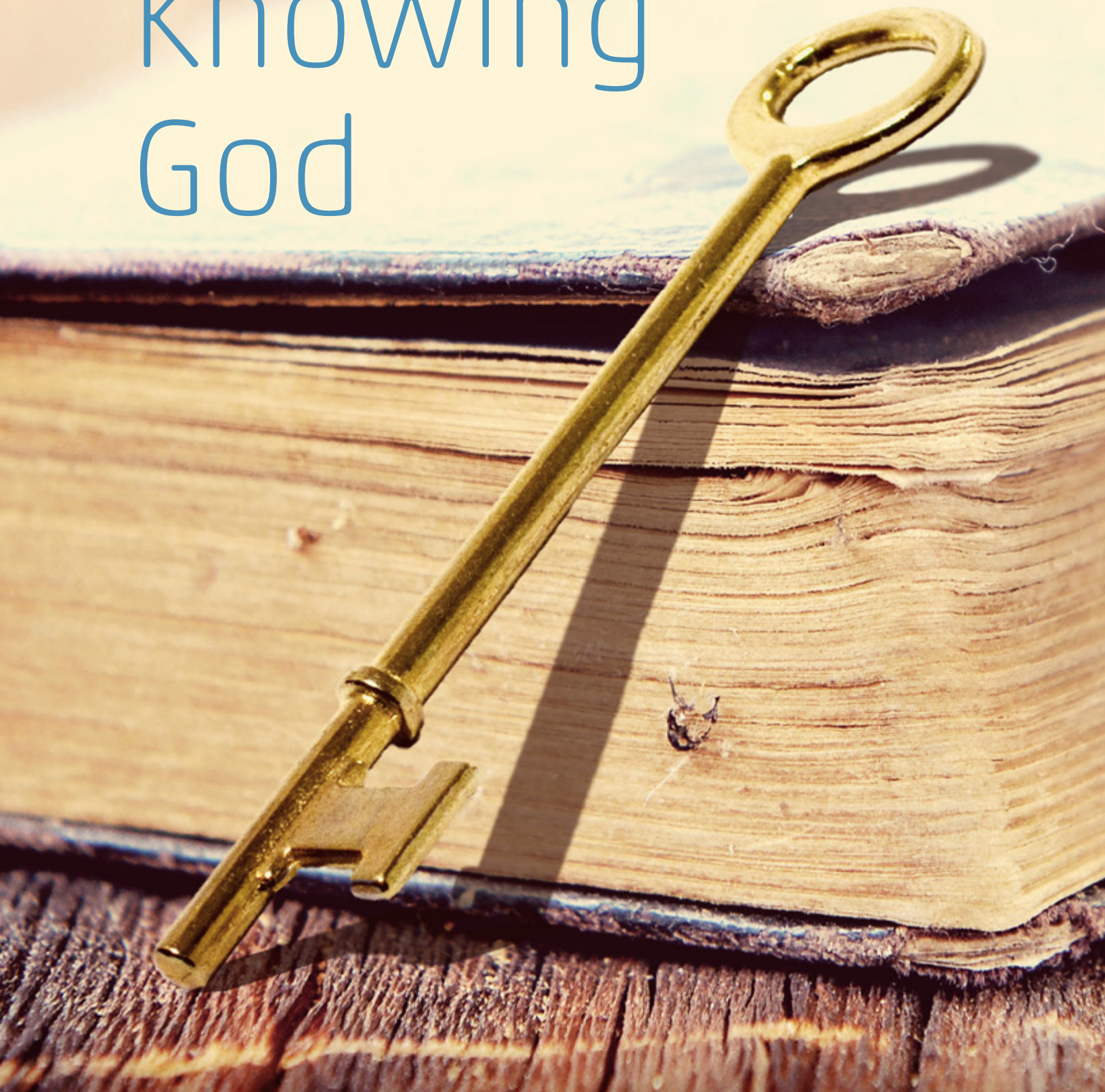


# The Power of Knowing God



# Knowing God

“...the people who know their God will display strength and take action”

God revealed to the prophet Daniel that “the people who know their God will display strength and take action” (Daniel 11:32). What does it mean to know God? What do we need to know about Him, and how can we know Him?

Over 2,500 years ago, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon had a dream, and God gave the prophet Daniel the interpretation. At that time, Nebuchadnezzar was the most powerful ruler of the Middle East, and he was sure his power was by his own doing. But how did Nebuchadnezzar reach that position, and was he really in control?

## Directions

Read Daniel 4:30-37.  
Underline references to Nebuchadnezzar and put a triangle on references to “Most High.”



## Daniel 4:30-37

- 30 “The king reflected and said, ‘Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?’
- 31 “While the word was in the king’s mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you,
- 32 and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.’
- 33 “Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws.

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34 “But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.

35 “All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’

36 “At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me.

37 “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride.”

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## Questions

1. What did Nebuchadnezzar need to recognize?

2. What happened to Nebuchadnezzar?

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3. What did you learn about God and His power?

4. What did you learn from Nebuchadnezzar's response?

How can understanding God as the Most High who rules over all affect your life when things seem difficult, unfair, hopeless, or more than you can bear?

What should your response be when you feel like rebelling against God or taking pride in your achievements?

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