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Chapter 7

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Ready your heart: Ask the Father to give you insight into His Word as you prepare your heart in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit.

Read: Carefully read the chapter in Daniel.

Reflect: In the remaining space, jot down any initial observations that encourage your heart, stir your faith, or expose your need for Jesus' redeeming work.



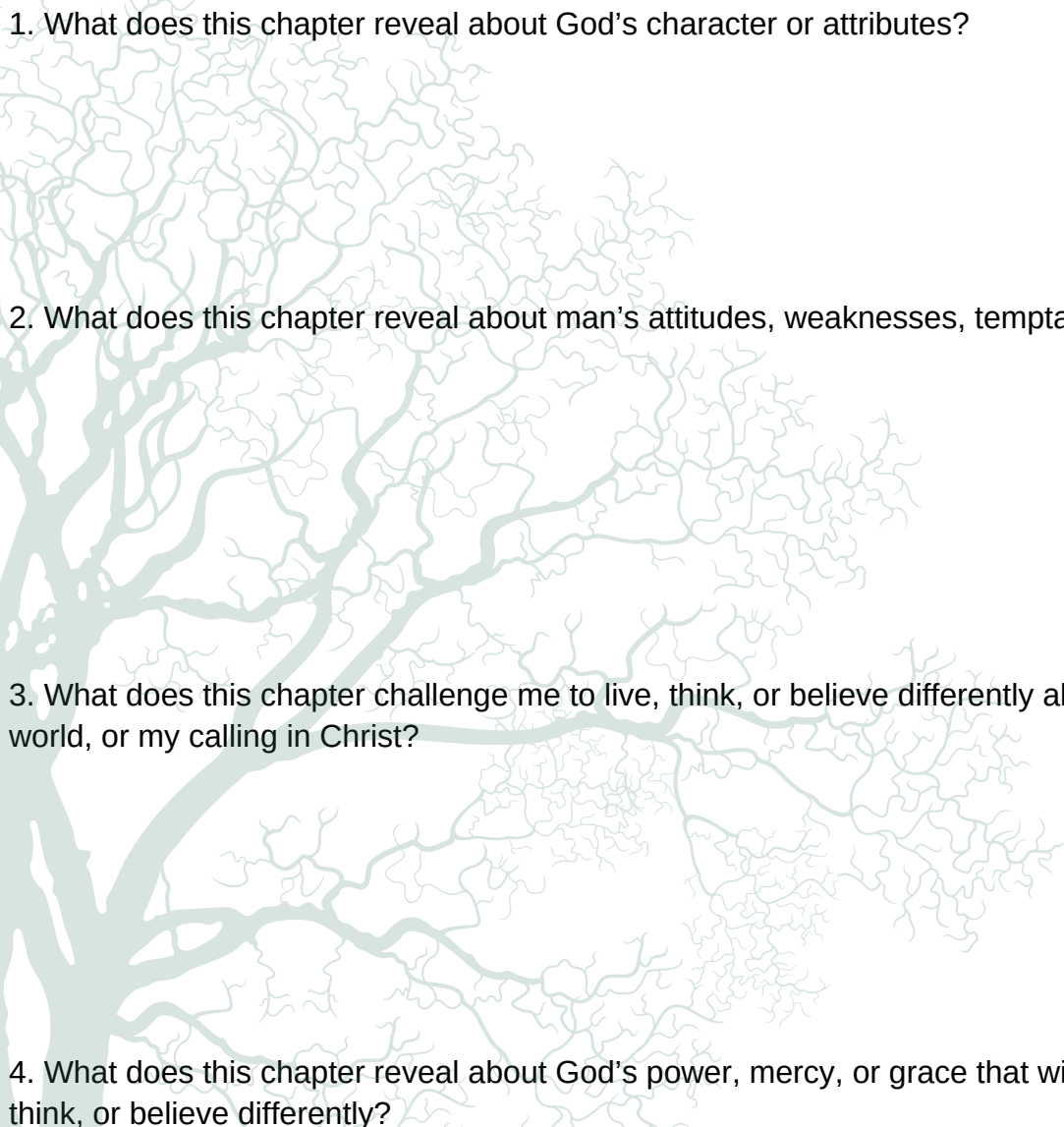
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1. What does this chapter reveal about God's character or attributes?
 2. What does this chapter reveal about man's attitudes, weaknesses, temptations, or sins?
 3. What does this chapter challenge me to live, think, or believe differently about God, myself, my world, or my calling in Christ?
 4. What does this chapter reveal about God's power, mercy, or grace that will enable me to live, think, or believe differently?

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Read: Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel.

Reflect: In the remaining space below, jot down what appear to be the main ideas of the chapter, especially noting section headings and the major concepts that either confuse you or encourage your heart.



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Read: Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel, (or quickly skim if you've already read) this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel (GAtD).

Reflect: Answer the questions below based on the content of the chapter.

1. As we study chapter 7, the challenge that Chapell acknowledges at the beginning of this chapter is to remember that many have humbly disagreed on how to interpret this and the chapters to follow. How do the humility and pride discussions over the last several chapters help prepare us to meet with others in our discipleship groups with whom we might disagree?

2. Dr. Chapell:

[Carravagio's] painting is a reminder of how important it is to keep sight of the big picture. We can too easily focus on our immediate circumstances—an election, an economic downturn, a career disappointment, a family dispute—and in the face of our immediate concerns, remove ourselves from the great purposes of God that he promises to further with our own lives. GAtD (p.130)

What are the “immediate circumstances” that make it hard for you “to keep sight of the big picture” of God’s redemptive purposes in our world and in your life? (Answering this question will help you apply the wonderful themes of the chapter to your own heart and life.)

3. What are the three “great” attributes of our Great Judge that Chapell reflects on that should encourage us? Which of these attributes encourages your heart the most in light of your “immediate circumstances” in question 2? What comfort do you find in knowing that God’s greatness is an unchanging reality?

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4. Who is the “Son of Man”? What does the title teach us about who He is in his divinity and in his humanity? How does it reveal the “goodness” of God? (Hint: think about the cross)

5. Why, according to Chapell is it important to remember both of the Rock’s two sides (his greatness and his goodness)?

6. Chapell concludes the chapter with a reminder of our future victory that feeds our present call to be used by Him in His kingdom advancement.

How does God’s goodness and His greatness and the fact that He still sits on His throne encourage you to share Him with the people around you, even when it feels like you aren’t making any impact?

What aspect of who God is do you need to remind yourself to stir your calling to step out for the sake of the lost today?

And finally, who is on that list of people to whom you might be called to share?

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Read: Read back through your notes and observations from the week's study.

Reflect: In the remaining space below, write down things that particularly challenged or confused you in the readings this week that you could relay to your small group, as well as prayer requests and praises you wish to pass on to the group, and any additional insights that you've learned along the way.

