

THE WAVES OF REVIVAL SERIES

THE DANIEL WAVE OF WISDOM

Let us look at the life of Daniel as we identify this wave. Daniel 1: 20, *"And in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm."*

That is the Daniel Wave. God will cause all the various intellectual pursuits of men to be directed and turned back unto God towards the last days. Science has its origin in the fear of God and in the belief of God. But throughout the twentieth century it has gone away from God in a humanistic development that does not believe in God. But towards the last days it will be brought back to God when science will begin to acknowledge the existence of God.

By the Daniel wave we are not just talking about the area of science, but about the other areas like economics, engineering, technology, invention etc. And if you are in the secular world long enough you will understand that to discover something and to invent something is different. To be an engineer and to be a theoretical scientist is a different thing. The theory is one thing but innovation, technological ability and wizardry is a different area altogether. The Daniel wave will bring about a special anointing of God in those areas, where those people who function in those roles will gain a wisdom high above what the world is able to achieve. When God says that you will be the head and not the tail, He is referring not just to a spiritual headship, he is also talking about a secular headship, which sadly because of a lack of teaching, the people of God are not tapping into. It also

includes areas of business achievement, entrepreneurship and ability that God will give in the last days. It is special wisdom given by God ten times above what the world is capable of achieving.

We want to see some characteristics of the Daniel wave. Basically the Daniel wave will be an inflow, a release of the Spirit of Wisdom, not only in spiritual matters, but wisdom to conduct and perform in the secular business, intellectual and technological pursuits of the world. It is basically a flow of the Spirit of Wisdom. Just as the Elijah wave is the flow of the Spirit of prophecy, so the Daniel wave is a flow of the Spirit of Wisdom. It is slightly different from the Joseph wave which is mainly in the business area. But the Daniel wave is what you call in the business circles an economist. We know that an economist may not be a businessman although we know that a businessman may make a good economist but it is not necessarily true always. One who studies business cycles and try to find some principles and discuss it is different from a businessman altogether. One is in an area of discovering principles while the businessman is out there with an anointing to spoil the goods of the enemy and bringing it into the Kingdom of God.

Speaking about the Spirit of Wisdom we will look first at some of the working of the Spirit of Wisdom in the book of Exodus 31: 1-6. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, *"See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, (and he got the description of the Spirit here) in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship."*

There are four aspects: in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship. And the results: *To design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you."*

The four aspects are important here. The words *wisdom, understanding, knowledge* and *workmanship* give us the four colours of the Daniel wave.

Wisdom implies an ability given by God to comprehend all aspects of the source, the principles, the precepts etc. But it is what I call the general area which is similar to the concept found in the Greek word *logos*. The relationship between *logos* and *rhema* is that *logos* is the general immortal permanent word of God. *Rhema* is a specific application of *logos* to a specific situation given to a specific person for a specific task. That is the relationship between the *rhema* and *logos*. In the natural world it would be like the sun representing the *logos* and the rays of the sun representing the *rhema*. The rays of the sun reach different parts of the earth at different times because of the rotation of the earth. The rays of the sun reach throughout the whole universe and other planets and so what we have on earth is a limited reception of the rays of the sun.

When wisdom is applied specifically, it becomes knowledge. You may know that what is God's general will for mankind, but when you know what is His specific will for your life, it is different. You know that it is God's will to save the world, but when you discover that God has called you to be either an evangelist or a pastor, you discover your specific role in the Great Commission of God. So knowledge will be more specific.

Understanding would be an intellectual grasp of things that are operating and that are working. If you want to be a scientist, you discover that there are many branches of science: physics, biology, chemistry etc. Even in each branch, there are further specialisations. An expert in one field may be an ignoramus in another field. We cannot know all things. But in the field that we have chosen, we can develop our understanding of the workings and processes in a deeper way. For example, you may have knowledge in operating a personal computer, but you may not have an understanding in its workings. That is the difference between knowledge and understanding. All you need to use something is knowledge but to thoroughly create something you need understanding.

Now we come to the fourth area - skills. Skills have to do with ability with the hands. Here in verse 4 it says to design artistic works to work in gold, in silver and

in bronze. Verse 4 speaks about the area of wisdom, understanding and knowledge, the three operations together. Verse 5 says in cutting jewels, in carving wood and work in all manner of workmanship. Notice verse 5 is a different area. Verse 5 is a skill with the hands. You could be given a raw piece of jewel, and if you know the art of cutting a jewel and its structure, you could cut it in such a way that it brings out the brilliance and shine out of the jewel. You may have knowledge of these principles but if you lack the ability and the skill, you would still not know how to properly cut the jewel. That requires special training and skill in itself. Skill with the hands is part of the four flows of wisdom that we need to recognise. Designing the shape of the jewel or anything else for that matter requires the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of understanding and the spirit of knowledge. But to bring these three spirits to completion in the shape of the jewel or anything else requires the fourth spirit, the spirit of skills with the hands.

The Spirit of Wisdom or the Daniel wave is not just a talent you were born with, but may come upon any person who may be mediocre or intellectually slow in blooming, like for example Albert Einstein who was a late bloomer. People like Thomas Edison were not great achievers in school, yet through creativity and perseverance became a great inventor. They have experienced what we call the secular Daniel wave.

On the spiritual side of the Daniel wave, there will be a specific anointing upon a person's life. 1 Kings 3: 9 speaks of Solomon having a dream and in the dream God spoke to him and asked him what he wanted. And Solomon said, *"Give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"* The request pleased the Lord. In 1 Kings 4: 29 *And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore.* Solomon received that anointing, the Daniel wave as I called it, into his life when he was an adult not when he was a young little boy. He may not have demonstrated exceptional wisdom but the real wisdom came upon his life through a gift of God that was imparted into his life.

When Kenneth Hagin started his ministry, he only preached the Word but he did not flow so well in the teaching ministry. One day when he was in his house, as he was walking from the kitchen to the living room, just getting a cup of drink, he said

something dropped into his spirit. What was it? It was the teaching anointing. As a result of that, more and more people joined his teaching classes and from that time onwards his teaching ministry took a greater prominence.

In a similar manner the anointing of wisdom can be imparted. You may receive it at any place or time but there must be a desire in your heart. When God drops a gift in your life, straightaway the wisdom begins to operate and you know that something has happened in your life.

1 Kings 4: 29 says that *God gave Solomon...largeness of heart*. The word *heart* comes from a Hebrew word *leb* which is similar to the Greek word *cardia*. It is not the word *mind*. There are different Hebrew words for the words *mind*, *understanding* and *mental capacity*. There are also many different Greek words for the word *mind*: *phoneo*, *dianoaia* and *dialogismos*. We are not speaking of the mind, but of the heart. So what is this heart? The heart is referring to the connection between the natural world and the spiritual world. The heart has to do with the area where you relate to the spiritual life. Jesus said a man believes with the heart, "If you believe and do not doubt it in your heart." It is something in us that causes us to believe in God. Animals do not have the ability to believe in God. They do not even conceive such an idea. The word *heart* only applies to Man. It is given in its capacity within Man to relate with the spiritual world.

The gift of wisdom that God imparts to us is just a widening of the channel between the spiritual world and your natural soul. When the channel is widened a greater capacity of your soul and mind become utilised. Scientists tell us that we use between three to five percent of our brain and grey matter capacity. But when the gift of wisdom is dropped into our hearts, our hearts are able to utilise a greater capacity of the grey matter to understand and perceive things. God did not give to Solomon a largeness of mind but a largeness of heart. When Solomon's heart was expanded, he was given a larger capacity to understand things. This explains why when you grow spiritually, you become more capable intellectually, not less.

When we were born again, we have just been given a new heart. Now the new

heart can develop in God and it is the connection between God and us. Our being spiritually alive has to do with that of the *leb* or the heart in Hebrew. When that capacity is increased and widened we are able to carry more of the Spirit of Wisdom. If that capacity is less you cannot carry much of the Spirit of Wisdom. Perhaps to understand something it may take you an hour for the Spirit of Wisdom to charge your brain. But then as you grew in God, your heart grew and enlarged, and you had more 'wiring connections'. Now where it took you an hour to understand spiritual matters, now it takes you just fifteen minutes. You understand because you carry a greater portion of the Spirit of Wisdom. That enlargement of the heart can come through one touch from the finger of God. All God has to do is to come by His Spirit and touch your inner parts and something inside you expands.

This is the gift of wisdom from God. Daniel's wisdom came from a touch of God. Daniel 1: 17, *"As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams."* God gave wisdom to Daniel and Solomon. How much more would God give to the New Testament people who ask. The book of James 1: 5 says, *"Let him who lacks wisdom ask from God who gives to all liberally"* but it also tells you that to him who ask from God he must not be double minded. He must know what he wants from God, he must seek after God and then he can receive from God and God will do an enlargement in the heart. When the heart is enlarged your mind can understand more things. A greater capacity of your mind is used.

Developing and Flowing in the Daniel Wave

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Daniel 1: 8 *But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank, therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.*

Daniel 6: 10 *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom*

since early days.

The first characteristic of those who move into the Daniel wave is that they need a very disciplined devotional life. They are creatures of good habits, not bad habits. Those who tap into that wave have a routine in life. When you ask them about their devotional life and the regular times, they will tell you that they have been keeping that routine for the past 30 years or more. Many people who have no discipline in their lives seldom become top achievers even in the intellectual realm. Many Christian scientists like Isaac Newton seem to have something in common in their personal lives - they had a particular time of getting up and studying the Word and seeking God in prayer. Because their minds are set on pursuing discoveries in the scientific world, their daily life must be fixed with routine. Otherwise they may be distracted in the daily life. They developed a very methodical, clockwork life so that their time can be freely devoted to their interests. If we develop a methodical devotional life, it would put us in a better position to move into the Daniel wave.

Daniel was about 18 or 19 when he was captured. In Daniel 6, for nearly all of his life, say about 70 to 80 years he had been praying three times a day without fail, in season and out of season. He had developed that religious and devout habit. That is the first characteristic of the Daniel wave.

The second characteristic is putting down the lower nature of man to receive the higher nature of man. Inside our soul is the ability to relate both to the spiritual realm and to the natural world. It has the capacity to relate to the different natures within us. We, of course, have our new nature but we recognise that there are passions in our bodies. Those who give in to their lower passions continually without controlling themselves, will never develop intellectually. I am talking about the passion for food, the lust for sex, the desire for the physical things of this life in sensual pleasures. When you keep yielding to them they will hinder your intellectual development. That is why those who tap into the higher level of the Spirit of Wisdom understand fasting. Many philosophers in the world are people who eat very little. They are not fascinated with food. But those who eat, drink and be merry all the time have a very stunted mental development. We need to put aside our lower animal nature. Now I am not saying that they are wrong. Please do

not misunderstand me. There is nothing wrong with eating and enjoying good food. There is nothing wrong with sensual pleasures in the right context. We need to however understand that if we give 90 percent of our capacity and time to sensual pleasure, we will only have 10 percent left to develop the other capacities. But if you give 10 percent of your nature to fulfil the natural pleasures of life, then you have 90 percent of your capacity to develop into a different realm.

Daniel had to say no to the pleasure of food, and other defilements, and in doing so, he said yes to the higher development of his soul capacity that God had given him. We have both a higher and a lower nature in us. We have physical bodies with its needs. We have a spiritual man within us which also has its spiritual needs. In between the physical and spiritual body, we have our souls. Our souls function in the natural because we live in the natural, and at the same time our soul also has to function in the spiritual world. So our soul is in a state between two decisions. If the soul keeps choosing the lower nature, the soul will definitely not develop in the higher nature. In order to get a balance, we need to give time in order to be able to fulfil our natural obligations. At the same time we also have to consecrate our souls to the higher level of development in other things. There is a difference between someone who, in his spare time reads only romantic novels and love stories and another person who loves to read only spiritual and theological books. After 10 years you will see the difference, because one gives in to a lower nature and the other to the higher nature. Every believer has a capacity of tapping into the Spirit of Wisdom but some will have a greater anointing of the Spirit of Wisdom. Every believer has a capacity of tapping on the Spirit of healing but some will have a greater measure. We are saying that this principle applies to all, so whatever capacity we tap into, we can tap on it in a greater area. But some will be specially called to that area and they would be able to put down their lower nature and tap greater onto the Spirit of Wisdom.

We can add more illustrations. In the Book of Genesis, Joseph had to say no to Potiphar's wife. Then later in his life in Genesis 41: 39 it states, "Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you.' " Joseph also had that wisdom. Now the question is where did he get it? We can only say between the time when he was in Potiphar's house and when he was in Pharaoh's palace. Somewhere in between he received it. And if you want to pinpoint the exact place he received it we know from Genesis 40 that when he

was in prison he already got it. For when he was in prison he demonstrated a supernatural ability through the Spirit of Wisdom to interpret dreams. The interpretation of dreams is a gift of the Spirit of Wisdom. Solomon received it when he was praying at Gibeon and Daniel received it when he was in Nebuchadnezzar's training school. Joseph received it when he was in prison, but he had to say no to the lower nature to receive it.

Thirdly. Luke 2: 45-47, "So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were astonished at His understanding and answers. Jesus here demonstrated wisdom beyond His years. He was only 12 years old, and He had enormous ability and capacity for understanding. And yet He was not drawing it from the prophets but from secular leaders of those times - the teachers of the Law, the same ones who later persecuted Him. He drew wisdom from them.

The third point is what we call association. Jesus sought to be with those people. As a young boy He still had to learn a lot of things. He was not born with it. He had to learn to study like each one of us. In those days it was fun to go to Jerusalem for the kids. While all the other boys could be going around looking at the new stalls that had opened, Jesus went to the teachers of the law, sat with them and listened to them. He listened to their "dull lectures" asking questions. Association can be with people or with books. And if we want to develop the spirit of the Daniel wave, we need to be able to associate with the right people. Just like if you want a healing anointing you associate with those healing evangelists. So if you want a Spirit of Wisdom you have to associate with those who have it.

Those who are called to the Daniel wave will have to move to a degree like John Wesley. John Wesley's teachings has influenced the development of the modern forms of government in the First Great Awakening. We do not realise how much impact his teaching has brought us not only in the spiritual area but also in the secular area. He had brought about much reformation by his writings, even in the secular world in England. Who was John Wesley? He was a great intellectual. He had the Spirit of Daniel on him. It is said that he used to travel thousands of

miles on horseback and when he travelled on a horse he read a book. It is said that he read a new book every week, besides reading the Bible every day and getting up at four every morning. He mixed with the religious group and they called themselves the 'Holy Club' during his university days. They were very methodical and very religious in their discipline. He was able to write about the evil of slavery and other things and brought great reformation in the secular society of his days because he had a thirst for knowledge. There was a person who came to him and said that God does not need our intellect, and he replied that God does not need our ignorance either. It was his special call that God had on his life, the Daniel wave. And for him, he associated with books and with different scholars of his days in his time.

Fourthly. Luke 2: 46 which includes a soul character and development, says in the last phrase, *"He was sitting in the midst of the teachers both listening to them and asking them questions."* The fourth point is the ability to ask the right questions. Do you know that you could tell a person's intelligence level by the questions they ask? He had an ability to ask the right questions. You think that getting the right answers is a great ability. But asking the right question is a different ability. Now we are talking about the characteristic and development of the Spirit of Daniel. In order to move into that some of us may not be able to get the right answers. But if you cannot get the right answers you must be able to ask the right questions first. We get the wrong answers because we ask the wrong questions. The ability to ask the right questions is easier to achieve than the ability to get the right answers.

The ability to ask the right question is also an element of the Spirit of Wisdom given by God. Jesus had an ability to ask questions and when He asked the right questions, He could analyse the answers because He was looking for something. They were amazed at Him and if you will notice the amazement, it was in two areas. It says here that they were astonished at His understanding and answers (verse 47). Now, answers demonstrate wisdom but you need an understanding to ask the right questions.

Whatever you need in this life, when you ask the right questions, you will find the right path. Whatever problem you have it is always possible to solve it even

when you do not have the answer, by asking the right questions. Framing the right questions takes the Spirit of Wisdom. Of course those who always jump to conclusions will never grow intellectually. People who jump into conclusions are always stunted intellectually because they are drawing from the same old bag of conclusions all the time. There is no fresh creativity. They do not develop intellectually because they do not ask the right questions.

In developing the things of the Spirit we have to ask the right questions. Sometimes you may have to ask God Himself the right questions and God provides the answers based on your questions and when He does,, He answers your deepest desires and puzzlements. So that is the fourth point on the development of the Daniel wave.

Fifthly. James 1: 5-8 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."

Now from verses 5 to 6, what was the prayer request for? Wisdom. Of course you could apply this to other prayer requests but contextually it applies to asking for wisdom. If any man lacks wisdom, let him ask from God. Then he talks about asking and not doubting and being double minded. So we can safely conclude that in verse 8 being double minded has a way of preventing wisdom from flowing. The opposite of double mindedness is single mindedness and that brings us to the fifth point.

To draw on the Spirit of Wisdom, you must focus on one thing at a time, not two things. Now you can focus on one thing at a time and several things in one day because you are doing one at a time. There are some people who have no ability to focus on one thing at a time because all the time two or three things keep cropping up.

For example, someone from a neighbouring country flew in to see me for counselling. He sat there and the first thing he did was weep because two weeks ago he tried to commit suicide. He had been to my meetings in his country, heard the teaching and felt that I could give him the right answers to solve his problems. Facing him was a multitude of insurmountable problems and when he poured them out, I knew that only God could solve them. He cried for several minutes and while he cried, I prayed and I said "God we need Your Spirit of Wisdom. I felt like what Daniel felt when the King asked him to interpret the dream. I said, " Lord I can't. Only You can, and if You choose to give, fine but if You do not choose to give I can't." After praying I said, "Lord, how can I help this person who has come all the way from his country and going back the same day? I must get an answer for him as he has made such an effort." When people make such efforts they draw on the anointing - which is why the anointing is easier to flow when there is a greater expectancy. For the first few minutes I just prayed and then as I listened to all of the problems that were being shared, the Lord began to point to a common factor that this person was trying to solve three problems at a time. In the end I divided the problems into three areas and said. "Let us just divide them chronologically. Put aside these other two, don't touch them, don't think about them, and don't worry about them. Let's take this one that is nearer here which is easier to focus." I said, "For the next few months you focus on this one. Keep in contact and we will keep praying for you and when you get over the first one then we will solve the second one and when we have solved the second one we will solve the third one." Slowly after counselling, there was a smile and a relief on his face. And he began to realise that it could be solved.

His first problem was solved in three months; his second problem may take six months to solve and his third problem may take three years to solve. What happened was when he had it backwards; he wanted to solve the three-year problem first before solving the six-month problem and the three-month problem. Not only did he want to solve all at the same time, it reached a point where he almost took his life. That is why the fifth point is important. You can do many things throughout your life and throughout your day, but every time you do it, you focus on that one thing. And when you are doing that one thing you do it with all your heart. That is tapping into the Spirit of Wisdom.

When you have a problem, and lack wisdom to solve it, begin by looking at your problem carefully. Perhaps your big problem is consisting of three smaller problems. The most complex problems are usually made up of other things. And if you will just focus on one thing at a time you will be able to solve it.

Let's bring it closer home to those in the ministry. Many of those in the ministry are struggling in many areas of their lives. They are struggling to exercise faith for finances. They are struggling to find open doors to minister, struggling to keep up with their school work, struggling to get an anointing for their own life. Four giant things are coming in at the same time so they find it hard to solve. They find it hard to focus during their prayer. What happens is that too many Christians have too many unanswered prayers because they are trying to focus on too many things at the same time. If you have 20 unanswered prayer to focus on and you do not know how to focus your prayer, take one first, then pray till you get the answer. If you cannot get an answer for one, I do not think you can get an answer for the others, and your praying will just be a religious exercise which cannot get a hearing with God. It is better to take one at a time and pray successfully. Then when you have tasted the success of answered prayer you will have gained confidence and you will be sharpened in your ability to hear from God. Then deal with another area of your life and you pray through till you hear from God in that area. Solve it one at a time. Commit it one at a time to the Lord, then you will not be in despair.