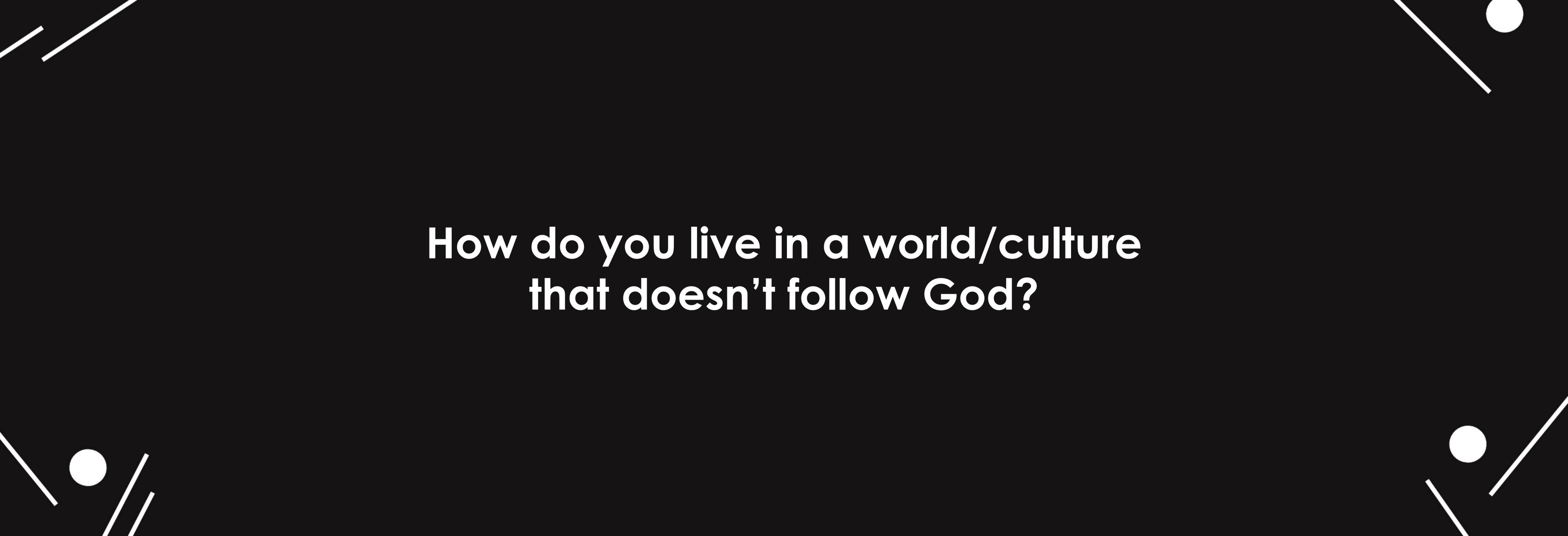


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**Genesis 6:7-8** ESV

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# CHAPTER 1

## Faithful Living as an Outsider

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# Why Exile?

*Deuteronomy 28*

## **Deuteronomy 28:15** ESV

But **if you will not obey** the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then **all these curses shall come upon you** and overtake you.

## **Deuteronomy 28:36** ESV

**The LORD will bring you** and your king whom you set over you **to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known**. And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone.

## **Deuteronomy 28:49** ESV

**The LORD will bring a nation against you from far away**, from the end of the earth, swooping down like the eagle, a nation whose language you do not understand.

### Isaiah 39:6-7 <sup>NIV</sup>

The time will surely come when **everything in your palace**, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, **will be carried off to Babylon**. Nothing will be left, says the LORD. <sup>7</sup> And **some of your descendants**, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, **will be taken away**, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

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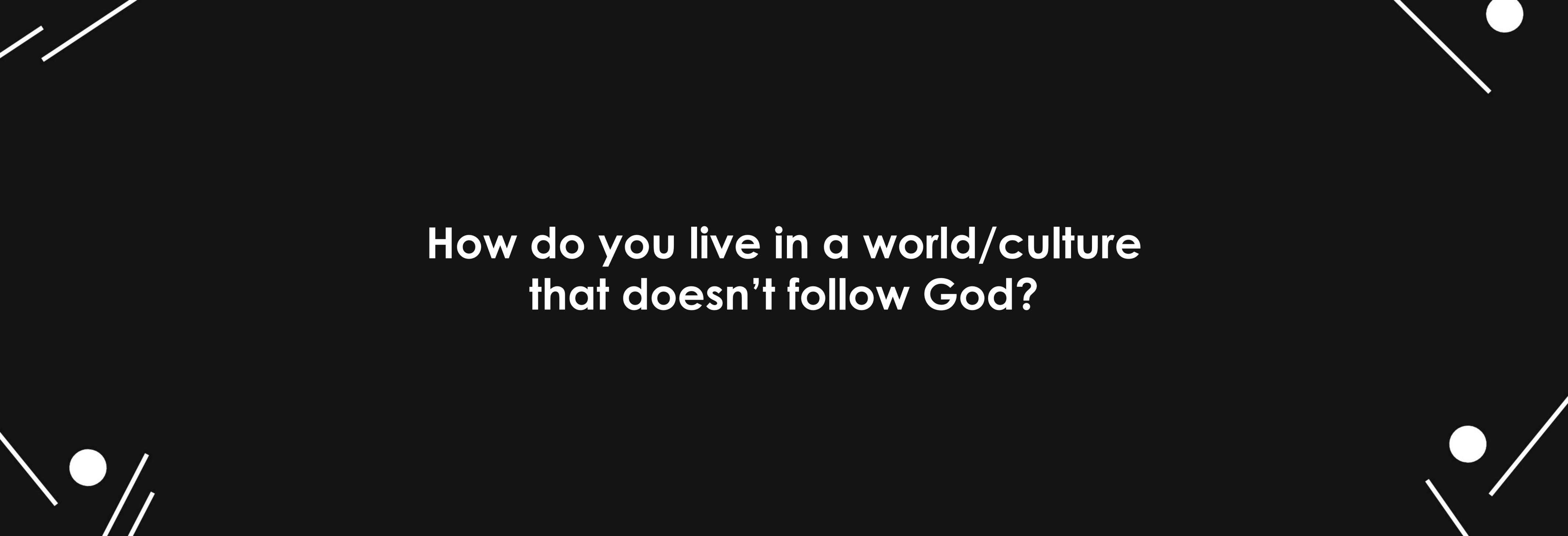
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### **Daniel 1:6-7** ESV

Among these were **Daniel**, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. <sup>7</sup> And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called **Shadrach**, Mishael he called **Meshach**, and Azariah he called **Abednego**.

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## Daniel 1:8-10 <sup>ESV</sup>

But **Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself** with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself. <sup>9</sup> And **God gave Daniel favor** and compassion in the sight of the chief of the eunuchs, <sup>10</sup> and the chief of the eunuchs said to Daniel, “**I fear my lord the king**, who assigned your food and your drink; for why should he see that you were in worse condition than the youths who are of your own age? So you would endanger my head with the king.”

# Divine Distinction

*Moral Decisions*



# Subtle Separation

*Wisdom Choices*

### **Daniel 1:11-13** ESV

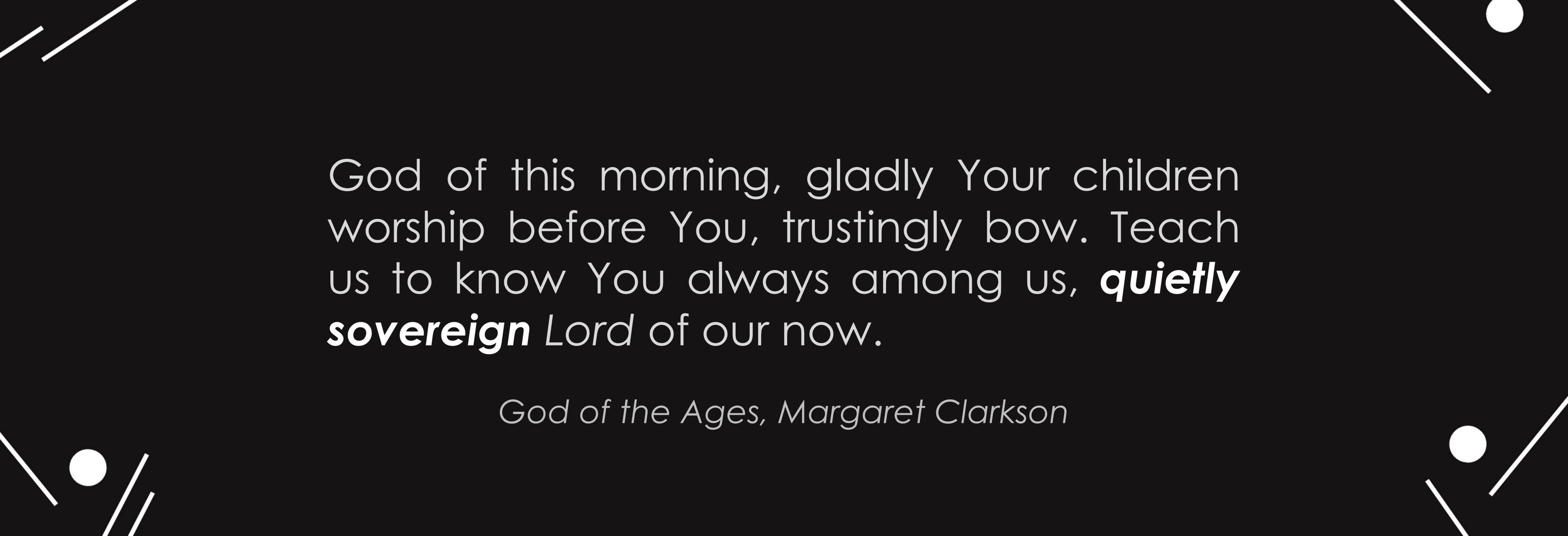
Then Daniel said to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had assigned over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> “**Test your servants for ten days**; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

## **Daniel 1:14-16** ESV

So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days. <sup>15</sup> At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food. <sup>16</sup> So the steward took away their food and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

## **Daniel 1:17-20** ESV

As for these four youths, **God gave** them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and **Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.** <sup>18</sup> At the end of the time, when the king had commanded that they should be brought in, the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> And the king spoke with them, and among all of them none was found like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. Therefore they stood before the king. <sup>20</sup> **And in every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his kingdom.**



God of this morning, gladly Your children  
worship before You, trustingly bow. Teach  
us to know You always among us, **quietly**  
**sovereign** Lord of our now.

*God of the Ages, Margaret Clarkson*

**Daniel 1:21** <sup>ESV</sup>

And Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

## 2 Corinthians 1:20 <sup>ESV</sup>

For all the **promises** of God find their **Yes** in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our **Amen** to God for his glory.