

2016-17 BSP#2 Group Time Discussion

Divine accommodation in the Bible is an expression of God's wise and fatherly ways. For a sensitive father can speak with his children either by condescension, as in baby talk, or by elevation, by bringing a child's understanding up to a more mature level – CSB p.8.

(A) 我查考以求明白 I Study In Order to Understand (15 minutes)

1. 看 1:8。試分別從舊約和新約中找出一個在飲食上小心跟隨法律的例子。即舊約一個, 新約一個。(提示: 多 1、友 10、羅 14、宗 18)。
Read 1:8. Find two biblical examples - one from OT, one from NT -in which the Jewish dietary laws were strictly observed. (Hints: Tobit 1, Judith 10, Romans 14, Acts 18).
2. 「忽有一塊石頭, 未經手鑿即滾下, 擊中了立像...同時鐵、泥、銅、銀和金立即完全粉碎, 有如夏天禾場上的糠粃, 被風吹去, 無蹤無影」(2:34-35)。立像被擊粉碎是甚麼意思?
“A stone which was hewn from a mountain without a hand...struck...[t]he iron, tile, bronze, silver, and gold all crumbled at once, fine as the chaff on the threshing floor in summer, and the wind blew them away without leaving a trace” (2:34-35). To what might the smashing of the image refer?

(B) 我明白所以活得更好。I understand, and the better I live (10 minutes)

在 2:30, 達尼爾否定了能解夢是自己的知識和智慧, 坦然承認天主光照的恩賜。因你自己努力和因天主恩賜而得來的知識和智慧有何不同? 天主的智慧有何特質? 試認真審核此刻你和天主的關係。你覺得這些年來, 自己對祂的認識和智慧有沒有改變?

In 2:30 Daniel disclaims credit for his knowledge and understanding of the dream and acknowledges the grace of divine illumination. What is the difference between the learning and wisdom you acquire by your own efforts and the wisdom that God gives? What characterizes his wisdom? Examine carefully your own relationship with God now. Do you see any change in your learning and wisdom regarding him over the years?