Cayucos Community Church Sermon Notes: 5-7-2023, Pastor Dale James

## **Thriving with Daniel, pt 2**

Daniel 2:1-23

My way or the highway

A running start

Trust God to open doors for His purposes (1-16)

Unreasonable requests

God interposes for His purposes

prudence and discretion

Venting or measured and respectful?

**Pursuing God's mercy** (17-18)

mercy =

passages that include: have mercy on me, Lord

Are you pleading for God's mercy?

Pagan power calls forth prayerful dependence upon God.

We are not in a position to tell God what He should do. Our pleas order our minds and hearts to His plan and purpose.

Praising the sovereign power of God (19-23)

Our view of God impacts everything.

Daniel's reflections on God's character in the midst of a death threat:

Source of wisdom and power

Sovereign over all

Revealer

Infinite knowledge

Gracious giver

Take it Home

Daniel petitioned boldly because he trusted implicitly.

Do we? Why or why not?

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." A W Tozer