

Scripture Reading

I Peter 5:6

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore,
under the mighty hand of God so
that at the proper time he may exalt
you,

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

STAYING CONNECTED IN MANY WAYS



TEXT MESSAGING

Short text messages (SMS) for quick and simple communication.



EMAIL

Send and receive messages and attachments.



SIGNAL

End-to-end encrypted messaging for privacy and security.



WHATSAPP

Messaging, voice and video calls, photo and file sharing.



SNAPCHAT

Share photos and videos that disappear after they're viewed.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Platforms to share updates, photos, videos, and ideas with communities.



VIDEO CALLS

Face-to-face conversations no matter the distance.



VOIP CALLS

Make voice calls over the internet using data instead of traditional phone lines.



FILE SHARING

Send documents, photos, videos, and other files instantly.





Be kind
to yourself
♡

Dear L...
I hope you are doing well. I've been thinking about you a lot lately.
I'm sorry I haven't written sooner. I've been so busy with school.
But I'm here now and I'm happy to hear from you. I hope you're
doing well too. I love you and I'm always here for you.
With love,
1999



NEBUCHADNEZZAR
KING OF BABYLON

TO ALL PEOPLES, NATIONS,
AND LANGUAGES
THAT DWELL IN ALL THE EARTH:

MAY YOUR PEACE
BE MULTIPLIED TO YOU.

I, NEBUCHADNEZZAR,
KING OF BABYLON...






FROM: KING
NEBUCHADNEZZAR



TO: EVERYONE

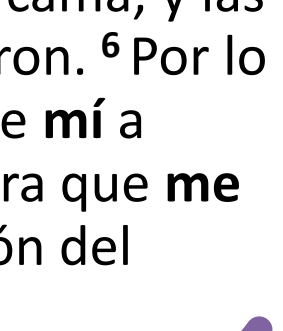


RE: WHAT GOD
HAS DONE FOR ME



⁴ **I**, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in **my** house and prospering in **my** palace. ⁵ **I** saw a dream that made **me** afraid. As **I** lay in bed the fancies and the visions of **my** head alarmed me. ⁶ So **I** made a decree that all the wise men of Babylon should be brought before **me** . . .

⁴ **Yo**, Nabucodonosor, estaba tranquilo en **mi** casa y próspero en **mi** palacio. ⁵ Tuve un sueño que me hizo temblar; y *estas fantasías, estando* en **mi** cama, y las visiones de **mi** mente me aterraron. ⁶ Por lo cual di órdenes que trajeran ante **mí** a todos los sabios de Babilonia para que **me** dieran a conocer la interpretación del sueño.







The Strange Dream





- break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed,
- pon fin a tus pecados *haciendo* justicia, y a tus iniquidades mostrando misericordia a los pobres

12 months later . . .



<12 months later>





34 At the end of the
days I,
Nebuchadnezzar,
lifted my eyes to
heaven

34 Pero al fin de los
días, yo,
Nabucodonosor, alcé
mis ojos al cielo



my majesty and
splendor
returned to me.

Y mi majestad y
mi esplendor me
fueron
devueltos para
gloria de mi
reino



Lessons to learn from Nebuchadnezzar

Could have saved himself a lot of trouble if he had followed Daniel's advice.

James 1 Santiago 1

²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

²³ Porque si alguno es oidor de la palabra, y no hacedor, es semejante a un hombre que mira su rostro natural en un espejo; ²⁴ pues después de mirarse a sí mismo e irse, inmediatamente se olvida de qué clase de persona es.

Main Point

- When we focus only on ourselves, we get into trouble.
- When we give glory to God, we honor the One who gives us every blessing.

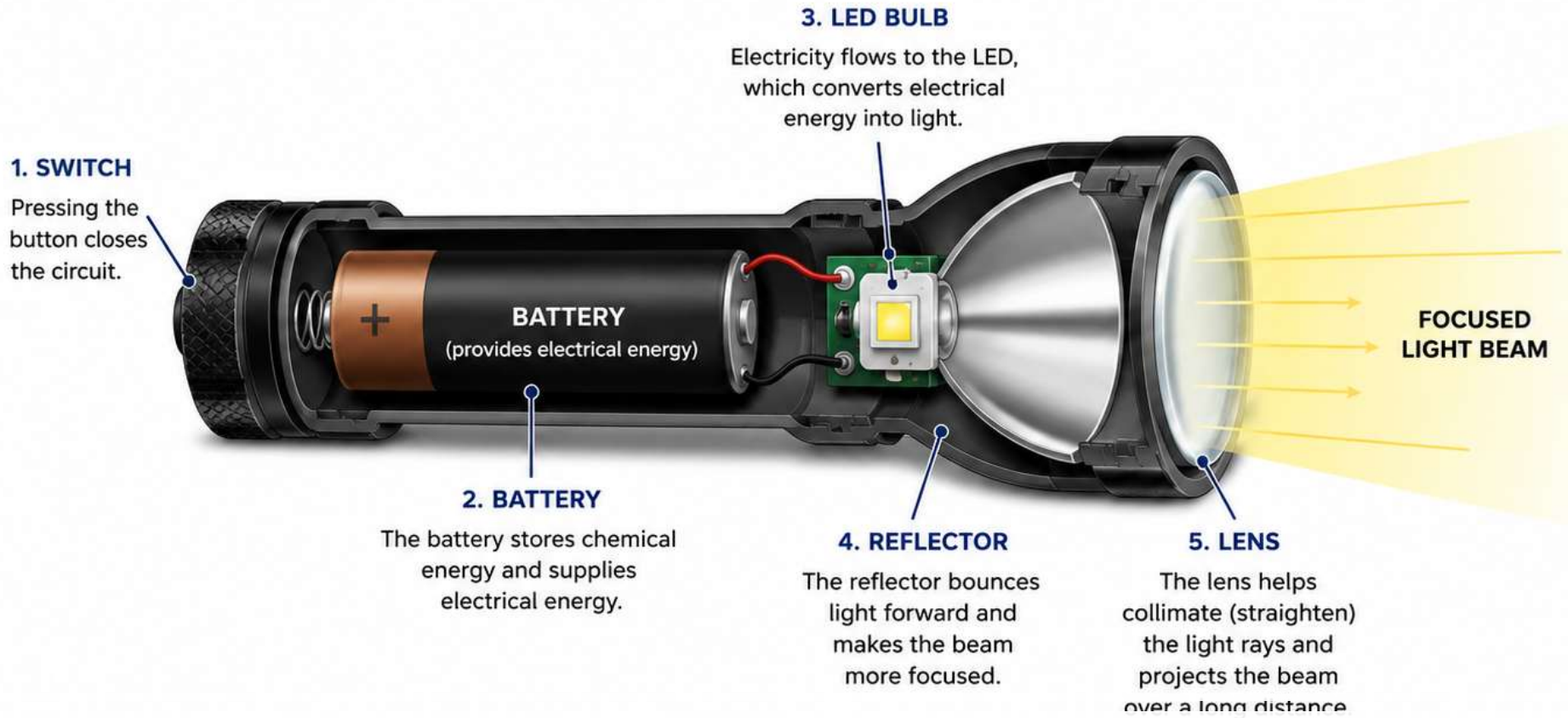


The Spotlight

- Do we keep the spotlight on ourselves, or point it toward God?
- Daniel 4 helps answer that question.

HOW A FLASHLIGHT WORKS

A flashlight uses a battery to power a light bulb (LED). The bulb produces light, and the reflector and lens help direct that light forward.



HOW IT WORKS

Sometimes the power can't be seen

1. SWITCH



Press the switch to

2. BATTERY



The battery sends

3. LED BULB



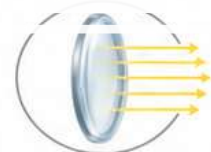
The LED receives electricity

4. REFLECTOR



The reflector directs

5. LENS



The lens straightens

God Gave the King Everything



NEBUCHADNEZZAR HAD POWER,
WEALTH, AND SUCCESS.



EVERY GOOD GIFT COMES FROM
GOD. JAMES 1:17

The King Focused on Himself

- Daniel 4:30
- 'I built... My power... My glory...'
- Pride makes life about 'me'.

God Helped the King See the Truth

- God humbled Nebuchadnezzar so he would recognize God's rule.



The King Finally Looked Up

Daniel 4:34-35

He turned from self-focus to God-focus.

Matthew 5:16

Live so people glorify your Father in heaven, not you.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁶ Así brille vuestra luz delante de los hombres, para que vean vuestras buenas acciones y glorifiquen a vuestro Padre que está en los cielos.



The Last Word

³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

³⁷ Ahora yo, Nabucodonosor, alabo, ensalzo y glorifico al Rey del cielo, porque sus obras son todas verdaderas y justos sus caminos; Él puede humillar a los que caminan con soberbia.