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THE GOSPEL  
ACCORDING  
TO DANIEL

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HCPC 2020 BIBLE STUDY

**Chapter 11**

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**Read:** Carefully read the chapter in Daniel.

**Reflect:** In the remaining space, jot down any initial observations that encourage your heart, stir your faith, or expose your need for Jesus' redeeming work.



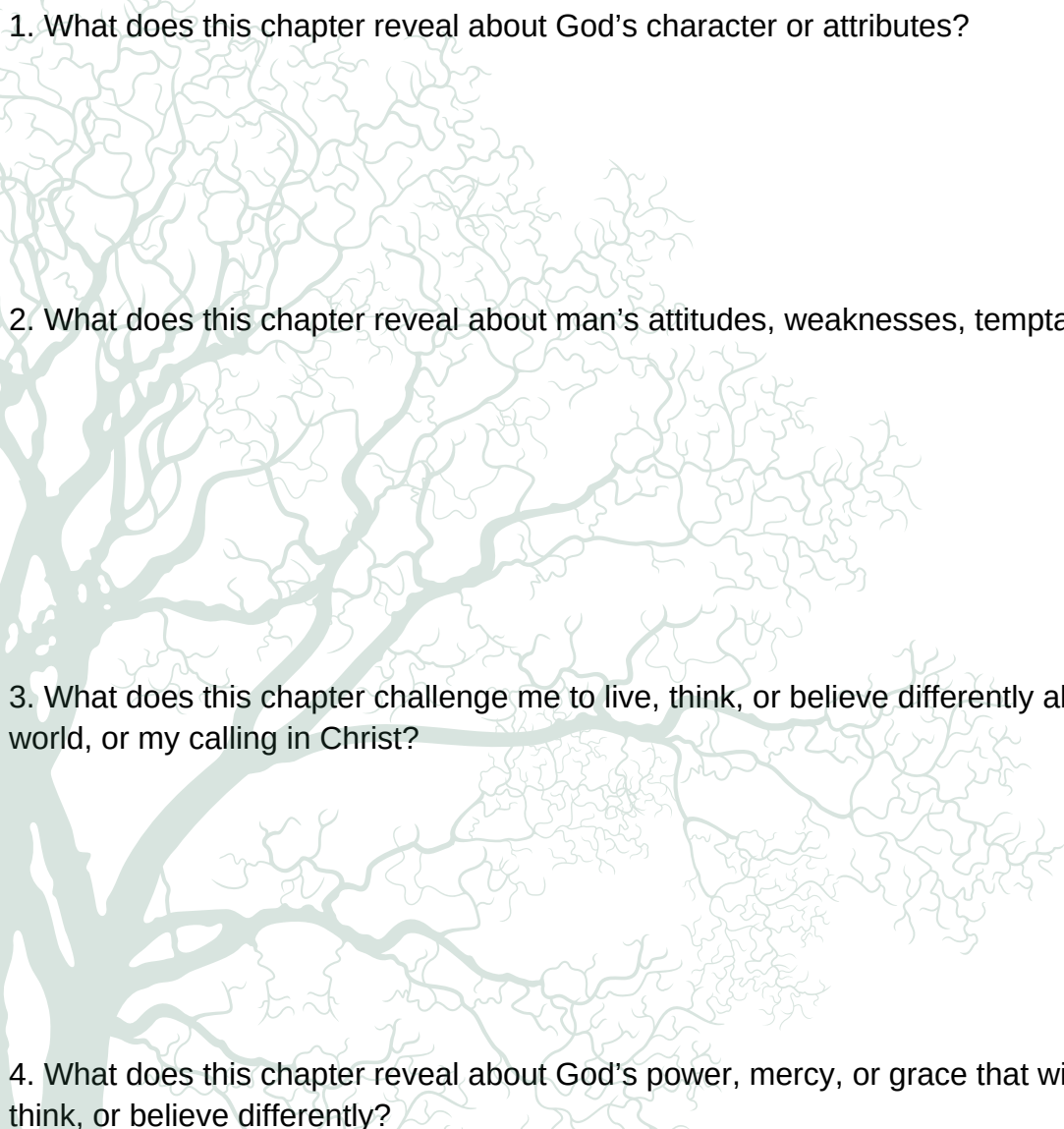
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**Reflect:** Answer the following diagnostic questions based on your reading of this chapter.

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1. What does this chapter reveal about God's character or attributes?
  2. What does this chapter reveal about man's attitudes, weaknesses, temptations, or sins?
  3. What does this chapter challenge me to live, think, or believe differently about God, myself, my world, or my calling in Christ?
  4. What does this chapter reveal about God's power, mercy, or grace that will enable me to live, think, or believe differently?

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**Read:** Carefully read this chapter in The Gospel According to Daniel.

**Reflect:** In the remaining space below, jot down what appear to be the main ideas of the chapter, especially noting section headings and the major concepts that either confuse you or encourage your heart.



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**Reflect:** Answer the questions below based on the content of the chapter.

Dr. Chapell begins his comments on chapter 11 with the story of a friend who experiences terror in the night only to learn by the daylight that his fears were ultimate unfounded (pp 189-190). He likens that experience to what the people of God would have felt without the “light of day” to assure them that God is still in control and still working for their good and His glory. What is some of the “thunder” in your life that threatens your peace of mind and confidence in God’s care for you right now that you can take before the Father in faith-filled prayer as you begin today’s study?

2. How does “knowing that God knows” help you in the midst of trial? What does He, in fact, know that can strengthen your heart according to Chapell, and why does it help?

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3. Chapell writes: *What I am suggesting, because of the way these various Bible passages treat these events and persons from Daniel's vision, is that Antiochus Epiphanes is a lens by which we are able to see and understand great evil that persecutes, profanes, and seduces. Antiochus becomes a prototype of all that is "antichrist" to show us the pattern or the "spirit of the antichrist" (cf. 1 John 2:18; 4:3) in every age that will culminate in greatest evil before the end of all ages.* (pp. 194-195)

Some today view the "trials and tribulations" of our present day experience as sure proof that Jesus will come back at any moment. If He does, we will celebrate. If He doesn't, how can we still trust and "interpret" our present realities in light of the quote above?

4. The second encouragement in chapter 11 is "knowing that God cares". What are the different ways, according to Chapell, that Daniel 11 reflects this encouragement? What are some specific challenges in your life to which you can apply this encouragement?

5. Chapell concludes this chapter with the encouraging story of a woman committed to the truth of God's complete knowledge and care for us in our challenging times. In what particular ways might God be calling you to exercise your confidence in His knowledge and care for the sake of His kingdom? What "risky" thing could you participate in that boldly invites you to trust the God who never risks because He is in utter control and His love never fails?

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**Read:** Read back through your notes and observations from the week's study.

**Reflect:** In the remaining space below, write down things that particularly challenged or confused you in the readings this week that you could relay to your small group, as well as prayer requests and praises you wish to pass on to the group, and any additional insights that you've learned along the way.

