

Message Notes | Daniel

Part 4: Pride Before the Fall

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- vs. 4-6, 19-27

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→ Nebuchadnezzar's response - vs. 34-37

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1. By most accounts, America is the most prosperous country in world history. What are some earthly blessings or luxuries that you can easily take for granted?
2. Read **Daniel 4:4-5**. Nebuchadnezzar was content and prosperous, but something still disturbed him. What does this tell us about the limitations of success?

Can you think of a time when life was going well externally, but internally you lacked peace?

3. Nebuchadnezzar struggled with pride. Where in your life are you most tempted to take credit for something that is ultimately a gift from God? Explain your answer.
4. **Read Daniel 4:28-30**. What do you think is a modern version of standing on your palace roof saying, "Look at what I've built."
5. **Read Daniel 4:31-33**. God humbled Nebuchadnezzar in a big way to wake him up. God still has a plan for seasons of humbling. Has God ever used a humbling experience to grow your faith or shift your perspective? What did you learn from it?
6. **Read Daniel 4:34-35**. After a long period of humbling, Nebuchadnezzar lifts his eyes to heaven and praises God. What practical habits can help you shift your focus from yourself to God?

What does it look like to replace pride with praise?

7. **Read 2 Corinthians 8:9**. What does it mean that Jesus has made us rich?
8. How would your outlook change this week if you started each day with this prayer: "God, everything I have is from you. Help me to use it for your glory."

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Bible Reading for Today

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²⁴ “This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵ You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶ The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”