

Lesson 6 – Daniel 4:1-37
“A Vision of Pride”

1. **Pride** – The character of one who, with a _____ estimate of his/her own powers or merits, _____ on others and even treats them with _____ (insultingly) and _____ (lack of respect).
 - a. Arrogance – A feeling or an impression of _____ manifested in an _____ (dominant) manner.
 - b. Puffed Up – To _____, to cause to _____ up, to bear one’s self _____.
2. **Read v1-18: His _____ is pride:**
 - a. **Read v4-8:**
 - 1) He is in the security and prosperity of his beloved Babylon surrounded by the monuments of his wealth and power.
 - 2) Once again he turns to everyone but the true wise man of God.
 - 3) Only _____ or _____ or both could allow a person to acknowledge that Daniel has the spirit of the “holy God,” but not make his God your God.
 - 4) Psalms 10:4 – “The wicked, through the _____ of his countenance, will not _____ after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”
 - b. **Read v10-12:** An awesome picture of a man suffering from _____.
 - c. **Read v13-18:**

v17 = The theme of the chapter and the purpose of the vision.
3. **Read v19-27: God’s _____ against his pride:**
 - a. **v23** = Lev 26:18-19 – “And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:”
 - b. **v27** =
 - 1) Psalms 10:2 – “The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.”
 - 2) **Unlike a godly man:** 2 Chron 32:26 – “Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.”

- 3) Psalms 10:4 – “The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”

4. v28-37: God _____ with his pride:

a. Read v28-30: Nebuchadnezzar is at the _____ of his pride: – c.f. v17.

- 1) Obadiah 3-4 – “The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord.”
- 2) Prov 11:2 – “When pride cometh, then cometh _____: but with the lowly is wisdom.”

b. Read v31-33: God _____ Nebuchadnezzar:

- 1) Prov 29:23 – “A man’s pride shall bring him _____ ...”
- 2) Prov 16:18 – “Pride goeth before _____, and an haughty spirit before a _____.”

c. Read v34-37: Nebuchadnezzar’s _____ of his new found _____:

- 1) He _____ up. (E.g., the prodigal son)

John 3:27 – “John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from _____.”

- 2) He acknowledges the _____ and _____ of God.

John 15:5 – “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do _____.”

- 3) Salvation requires one to _____ and _____ (Mark 1:15), so did Nebuchadnezzar get saved?

d. Read v36-37: Nebuchadnezzar’s _____ resulting from his new found _____:

- 1) **v36** = James 4:10 – “Humble yourselves in the _____ of the Lord, and he shall _____ you up.”
- 2) **v37** = Prov 8:13 – “The fear of the LORD is to hate _____: _____, and _____, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.”

5. How can we stay humble:

- a. Remember that God _____ us and everything else for that matter.**
- b. Remember that the _____ and not the _____ is always in control. – OBEY!!!**
- c. Remember that all we are and all we will ever be _____ from _____.**

Jam 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from _____, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

- d. Remember to esteem _____ above _____:**

Phil 2:3 – “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowiness of mind let each esteem _____ better than _____.”

- 1- Strife: a desire to put one’s self forward, a self-seeking pursuit.
- 2- Vainglory: self esteem, empty pride.
- 3- Lowiness of mind: having a humble opinion of one’s self.
- 4- Esteem: consider or think.

- e. Remember that there is no “___” in Jesus, but there is an “_____”.**

- f. Remember to _____ instead of being _____:**

1) Matt 20:26-28 – “But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your _____; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your _____: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

2) Ask ourselves, what can I do for the church, not what can the church do for me.

- g. Always give _____ the glory, the honor, and the credit.**

6. What is the eschatological message of this chapter?

- a. It serves as a picture of “the _____ of Gentile power by God and the bringing of the world into _____ to Himself” (Walvoord, *Daniel*, p95).
- b. “The contest between God and Nebuchadnezzar is a board illustration of God’s dealings with the entire human race and especially the Gentile world in its creaturely _____ and failure to recognize the _____ of God” (Walvoord, *Daniel*, p95).