

## ***How to Confront and Defeat Pride***

Daniel 4:1-27

Daniel: God's Sovereign Rule Over the Nations, part 9

- This chapter is unique in the Bible and is the only chapter in Scripture that is an actual \_\_\_\_\_ of a Gentile king (v.1).
- Nebuchadnezzar is not ashamed to write about his own personal fall into insanity. Why? When God delivers you, you know that your shameful past leading to a fall was the \_\_\_\_\_, and now it's all forgiven.

Daniel 4:37; Those that walk in pride He is able to abase.

- **A Definition of pride:** Pride is a \_\_\_\_\_ swagger in which one focuses on what they can do, on who they are, or what they have. A proud person boasts in their self-achievements, see themselves as self-sufficient and of having self-rule (1 Pet.5:5; James 4:6; 1 John 2:16).
- When God defeats pride in us, there is \_\_\_\_\_ with God (Daniel 4:1) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 4:34) to God. Here's how to confront and defeat pride in our lives:

### **1. Realize your Weakness: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ ! v. 4,5**

- Nebuchadnezzar fell prey to the pride of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proverbs 17:19; He that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.
- Proverbs 18:12; Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before honor is humility.

- Proverbs 11:2; When pride cometh, then cometh shame.
- Proverbs 13:10; Only by pride cometh contention.
- Proverbs 16:18; Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.
- Proverbs 28:25; He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife.

### **2. Receive His Warning: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ v.5-27**

- Nebuchadnezzar fell prey to the pride of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- God gave him two big things to expose his pride to himself:
  - A. God gave him a \_\_\_\_\_, **v.8-23:**
    - A great tree sufficient for the needs of the world, cut down to a stump, a beast's heart of insanity, and deliverance.
    - Boanthropy, a psychological disorder in which the sufferer believes he or she is a cow or ox. (Lycanthropy)
  - B. God gave him a \_\_\_\_\_, **v.8, 27**
    - Nebuchadnezzar ignores the reproofs of instruction from Daniel and descends into insanity.

### **3. Remember His Word: \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ v.17, 25, 26, 32**

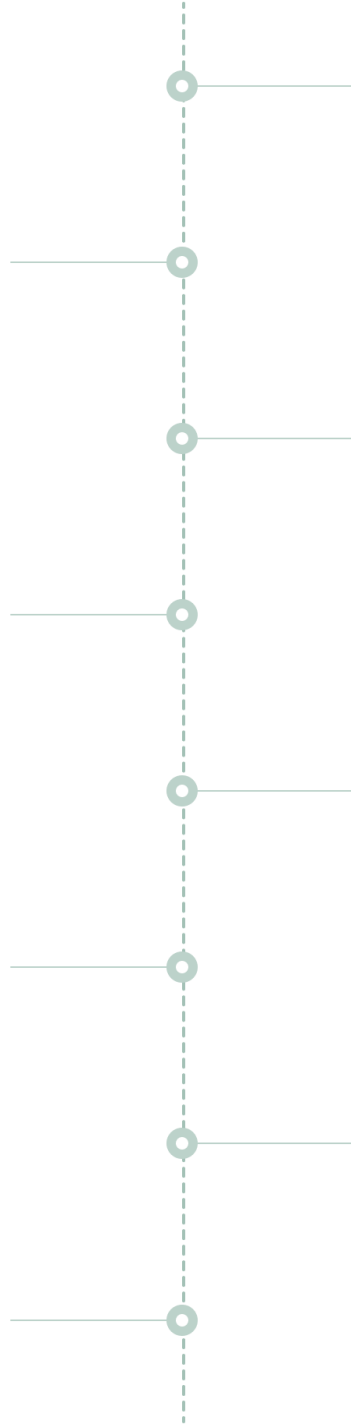
- Nebuchadnezzar fell prey to the pride of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
- The key point of his dream is simply this: Nebuchadnezzar felt had \_\_\_\_\_, but he had to learn that God governs the affairs of this world.

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