

Experiencing God: Providence, God's Continuing Work in the World

Daniel 4: 34, 35

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- Introduction:
- * "So noble a work, by the Providence of God . . ." – King James
 - * "I could become, should time and circumstance permit, a preacher of providence. George Washington
 - * For Washington, providence was God's superintending or overruling of human events. Peter Lillback
 - The stories in Daniel include – the Lion's Den; The fiery furnace; the handwriting on the wall.
 - "And the Lord gave Jehoiachim King of Judah into his hand, along with some of the vessels from the house of God (Dan 1: 2)
- I. Nebuchadnezzar's Retro Look (Daniel 4: 1-3)
 - II. Nebuchadnezzar's Dream (Daniel 4: 4-18)
 - a. A tree that grew high into the sky.
 - i. The Whole earth could see it
 - ii. It was beautiful to look at
 - iii. The world could be fed from it
 - iv. It connected the earth to the sky (cf – Tower of Babel and Jacob's ladder)
 - v. Tree chopped down
 - vi. The stump remained and "he" loses his mind
 - III. Daniel Interprets the Dream
 - a. Bad news! It is about Nebuchadnezzar
 - b. Repent for your arrogance and turn to worship and serve the Most High God
 - IV. Dream Fulfilled
 - V. Redemption: Reason Restored
 - VI. Take Away
 - a. Pride goes before a fall
 - b. Redemption for Repentant Faith
 - c. Providence of God