

Daniel Small Group Study Guide 6

Daniel 4:1-37

Sermon Outline

- I. **Nebuchadnezzar's Proclamation** (4:1-3)
 - A. **The Proclamation** (4:1)
 - B. **The Praise** (4:2-3)
- II. **Nebuchadnezzar's Predicament** (4:4-37)
 - A. **The king is corrupted through vanity** (4:4-27)
 1. **Nebuchadnezzar's dream** (4:4-18)
 - a. He sees a large tree spreading out (4:4-12).
 - b. He sees the tree struck down (4:13-18)
 2. **Daniel's interpretation** (4:19-27)
 - a. **His explanation** (4:19-26)
 - b. **His exhortation** (4:27)
 - B. **The king is corrected through insanity** (4:28-37)
 1. **Nebuchadnezzar's Pride** (4:28-30)
 2. **Nebuchadnezzar's Punishment** (4:31-33)
 3. **Nebuchadnezzar's Praise** (4:34-37)

Questions for Discussion:

How is pride connected to all other sin?

Why is it not arrogant of God to humble everyone whose pride threatens his glory?

What indications do we have in this text that Nebuchadnezzar's worship is genuine?

Describe a time when God has troubled your heart to get your attention. How did you respond?

Why is speaking the truth in love often so hard?

How does Daniel model this act of grace?

How does Nebuchadnezzar resemble Adam and Eve?

How is God's response to the king similar to his response to our first parents?

How can someone who experiences great success in this world, like Nebuchadnezzar, remain humble?

What is God showing Nebuchadnezzar in making him animal-like?

How could Nebuchadnezzar have used his kingdom to honor God instead of trying to steal glory from God?

How can you use your gifts, talents, and successes to serve God?

How does Jesus model how to handle greatness? How has he used his power to serve others?