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Daniel 4:19-37

A pundit once quipped, "Humility is like underwear—essential, but indecent if it shows!" The opposite of humility is pride, and Daniel 4 reveals it in spades. Nebuchadnezzar will learn (and then tell) about the greatest lesson God showed him in his long career—that He is able to humble those who walk in pride. So why not learn it the easy way? Listen carefully and apply these truths diligently-Go for it-Be Humble

PRIDE

1. One of the most destructive forces in the universe

2. Pride goes before destruction
(see Proverbs 16:18)

3. In 1971 there was a historic fight between Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali; before the fight Ali was full of pride, he lost the fight

PRIDE

4. Pride is the oldest sin in the universe and it shows no sign of weakening with age

C.S. Lewis called it the chief cause of misery

HUMILITY

1. After the eight-year event occurs, Nebuchadnezzar writes it down; he wants to let as many people as possible know
2. Nebuchadnezzar, in his own testimony said, "Those who walk in pride He is able to humble"
Daniel 4:37
3. Humble yourself (see 1 Peter 5:6)

REVELATION

A. Daniel is astonished and troubled

1. Appalled, emotionally agitated

2. Daniel knew what the dream meant instantly

3. The most powerful man is going to lose his
mind

4. Daniel had a love for Nebuchadnezzar; he
wished that these things would not come upon
him

From Revelation to Confrontation

B. Tree, a symbol of a powerful ruler or nation

1. Isaiah 2

2 .Ezekiel 17 and 31

3. Hosea 14

4. Zechariah 11

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C. The tree cut down and the stump left

1. Nebuchadnezzar will be cut down

2. God will restore him

D. Daniel reveals and then he confronts

The Confrontation

A. Reinhold Niebuhr said, "Man does not know himself truly except as he knows himself confronted by God"

B. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon"

Isaiah 55:7

The Humiliation of Nebuchadnezzar

A. 12 months there was no change at all; why
the delay?

MERCY

B. Nebuchadnezzar walks in pride

C. The kingdom is departed from
Nebuchadnezzar

D. A bizarre form of insanity

The Restoration of Nebuchadnezzar

A. Seven years later his understanding returns
and he writes it all down

B. Jesus said, "Everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, and he who humbles himself will
be exalted" Luke 14:11

C. Nebuchadnezzar humbles himself

The Restoration of Nebuchadnezzar

1. Pride is one attitude God hates
2. God opposes the proud (see James 4:6)
3. Disease is pride, the cure is humility

How to Cultivate Humility

1. Prayer, depend upon God
2. Worship, focus on God; it's not about you
3. Encourage others, find someone you know, watch, study, and notice their traits
4. Service, serve others, and perform a task that is not in your job description

How to Cultivate Humility

D. The restoration began when Nebuchadnezzar
looked up to God

F. Dwight Moody said, "Be humble or stumble"

G. Humble yourself before God and say, "I need
You"

TWO IMPORTANT LESSONS

God's judgment may be slow, but it is certain

God will go to any extreme, to show us that He

is Lord