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# Daniel 4:1-37

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The God who REVEALS

The God who RESCUES

The God who REIGNS



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*the* Praise

— Daniel 4:1-3 —



*Peace be multiplied to you!*



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*the* Pathway

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Daniel 4:4-37

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it starts with a herald

v. 18-27



## *Daniel 4:18*

This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, saw. And you, O Belteshazzar, tell me the interpretation, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation, but you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.”



## *Daniel 4:19*

Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, “Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you.” Belteshazzar answered and said, “My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies!”



dismayed *and* candid



## *Daniel 4:25*

that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.



## *Daniel 4:27*

Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”



*Do we love people enough to  
tell them the **bad news** & the  
**good news?***



see your **spiritual poverty**

v. 28-33



*What is the root issue?*



*Daniel 4:4*

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at **ease** in my  
**house** and **prospering** in my **palace**.



It's not just the difficulties of life that shake our faith, sometimes it's the ease of life.



## *Daniel 4:29-30*

At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”





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*Where are your  
eyes focused?*



*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*- Jesus*



*Who are you comparing  
yourself to?*



lost & searching

growing awareness of God's holiness

growing awareness of my sinfulness





*1 Timothy 1:15*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.



look up and receive grace

v. 34



*Psalm 121:1-2*

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,

who made heaven and earth.



In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and, therefore, know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all. As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.

- C.S. Lewis



the one who was looking  
down is now looking up



shout aloud in worship

v. 34-37



the one who was worshipping  
himself is now worshipping  
the TRUE KING



*How is this possible for you?*



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*the* Posture

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# Philippians 2:3-11

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*Will you look up to see the  
One who came down?*



*Will you **repent**?*

*Will you **rejoice**?*

*Will you **resolve**?*



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