

Quiet Time

September 8-14, 2024

Daniel 4:25

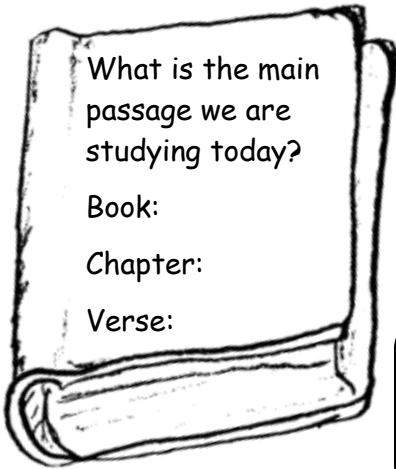
"You shall be driven from among men,
and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field.
You shall be made to eat grass like an ox,
and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven,
and seven periods of time shall pass over you,
till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men
and gives it to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

GOD
Humbles
Nebuchadnezzar



Sermon notes

As you attend church service with your family, use these next two pages to help you listen and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God, praying, and listening to God's Word being read and taught.



Title of Sermon:

What is the Big Idea of the passage?



Which song from today's service is your favorite and why?



Words you heard but don't know...

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Write or draw something that you heard in the sermon today.

Fill in the blanks below during the service, and then talk to your parents about them on the way home.

I heard _____
but was confused or had a hard time believing it.

Hearing and believing this about God is... _____

_____ ...changes the way I...

GOD HUMBLER NEBUCHADNEZZAR – Monday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 4:1-3

This chapter is a story told by King Nebuchadnezzar to tell others what he learned about Almighty God.

What people did Nebuchadnezzar want to hear this story (v 1)?

“All _____, _____, and _____”

How does Nebuchadnezzar describe God in the introduction of his letter (v 2)? “the _____ God”

How does Nebuchadnezzar describe God’s rule in this world (v 3)?

“His kingdom is e _____, and His dominion e _____ from g _____ to g _____”

While learning these truths about God, Nebuchadnezzar also learned that his kingdom won’t last forever and that he is NOT the most powerful ruler in the world.

Application:

You are part of the “peoples” of the earth that Nebuchadnezzar wanted to hear this story. More importantly, God wanted you to hear this story so that you could learn more about His almighty rule in the world.

Who has God placed in your life to tell you about Him? _____

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah had been placed in Nebuchadnezzar’s life to tell him about God, but he didn’t listen to them. As a result, God had to do something to get his attention. God has placed the people you listed above in your life to point you to His Word so that you can learn about Him, too. Are you listening? *James 4:6, “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God _____ the proud, but gives _____ to the _____.”*

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

God Humbles Nebuchadnezzar – Tuesday

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 4:4-18

The story that King Nebuchadnezzar wanted to tell was about another dream that he had. How did Nebuchadnezzar feel when he awoke (v 5)?

- a. Happy b. Afraid c. Proud

This time, he told the wise men his dream. What men did he ask to help him with the dream first (v 7)?

- a. Magicians b. Astrologers c. Enchanters d. a, b, c

Did they know what the dream meant? _____ Why did

Nebuchadnezzar know that Daniel could tell him the meaning (vv 8, 18)?

- a. Daniel worshiped his gods.
b. Daniel's God had placed His Spirit in Daniel.

What was in Nebuchadnezzar's dream that grew, was strong, reached the heavens and was visible to the whole earth (v 11)?

- a. Golden image b. Tree c. Golden calf

What did the messenger from heaven say to be done to this (v 14-15)?

- a. Crush it with a rock c. Bind it with iron
b. Chop it down d. b and c

How long would it be in this condition (vv 16-17)?

- a. 7 periods
b. Until he knows that the Most High rules
c. Until he knows that the Most High sets up and removes kings
d. a, b and c

Application:

Only Daniel was able to help Nebuchadnezzar because God had placed His Spirit in him. In like fashion, the only way we can know anything about God is by the work of His Spirit. *1 Corinthians 2:12, "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given to us by God."*

Is His Spirit giving you understanding of His Word and ways? _____

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD HUMBLER NEBUCHADNEZZAR – WEDNESDAY

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 4:19-26

In these verses, Daniel (Belteshazzar) tells Nebuchadnezzar what God wanted to tell him through this dream. Daniel was “alarmed” by the dream and wished that the dream was really about Nebuchadnezzar’s enemies, but who did Daniel say was the big tree (v 22)? _____

How does the great and strong tree picture Nebuchadnezzar’s rule (v 22)? _____

Draw a picture of what is going to happen to Nebuchadnezzar because of his pride (v 25)? _____

Will this be the end of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign on the earth (v 26)? _____

Application:

On Monday, you read *James 4:6*, “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’”

This is also something that God had told all of the Israelite kings: *1 Samuel 2:3–10*, “³ Talk no more so very p_____, let not a _____ come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴ The bows of the m_____ are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ... ⁹ He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be c_____ o_____ in darkness, for not by m_____ shall a man prevail. ¹⁰ The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth...”

God made you. He knows everything about you, and He will judge you someday. If you don’t live in humility before God, He WILL go against you and your plans. He IS ALL-Mighty, and He WILL have HIS way.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

GOD HUMBLER NEBUCHADNEZZAR – THURSDAY

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 4:27

Nebuchadnezzar thought very highly of himself, but God gave him a troubling dream to warn him through Daniel. He would lose his kingdom and live as an animal. Can you imagine how humiliating it would be for Nebuchadnezzar? Here's a description of his reign:

*"Apart from his military conquests, Nebuchadnezzar is noteworthy for a massive rebuilding program in Babylon itself. The city spanned the Euphrates and was surrounded by an 11-mile long outer wall that enclosed suburbs and Nebuchadnezzar's summer palace. The inner wall was wide enough to accommodate two chariots abreast. It could be entered through eight gates, the most famous of which was...decorated with reliefs of dragons and bulls in enameled brick. The road to this gate was bordered by high walls decorated by lions in glazed brick behind which were defensive citadels. Inside the gate was the main palace... with its huge throne room. A cellar with shafts in part of the palace may have served as the substructure to the famous 'Hanging Gardens of Babylon,' described...as one of the wonders of the ancient world."*¹

What did Daniel tell Nebuchadnezzar to do as a result of God's warning?

- a. Stop living in sin
- b. Live in righteousness
- c. Help the poor rather than oppress them
- d. a, b, and c

Daniel didn't promise that repentance would change God's plans, but he still encouraged Nebuchadnezzar to repent and seek God's mercy.

Application:

God's plan for those who oppose Him... Revelation 18:10, 14, ¹⁰ "You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your j_____ has come...
¹⁴ The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!" ...and for those who submit to Him in humility... Revelation 19:5-8, ⁵ "And from the throne came a voice saying, 'Praise our God, all you his s_____, you who f_____ him, small and great...⁷ Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and p_____..."
God's challenge to you? 2 Peter 3:9, "The Lord...is patient toward you...that all should reach repentance." Repent of your sins today!

¹ Browning, D. C., Jr. (2003). Babylon. In C. Brand, C. Draper, A. England, S. Bond, E. R. Clendenen, & T. C. Butler (Eds.), Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (pp. 158-159). Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers.

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GOD HUMBLER NEBUCHADNEZZAR - FRIDAY

➤ Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 4:28-33

God warned Nebuchadnezzar through Daniel that the king should repent of his pride and worship God alone as King.

- True False* Nebuchadnezzar repented of his sins.
True False God changed His plans for Nebuchadnezzar.
True False Nebuchadnezzar built Babylon for his own glory.
True False One year after having been warned by God in a dream and interpreted by Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar continued to boast in his works.
True False Nebuchadnezzar lived like an animal for 7 periods of time, eating grass like a cow.
True False God's prophecy through Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar came about exactly the way God said it would.

When did God say Nebuchadnezzar's punishment would end (v 32)?

"...until you _____ that the _____
the _____ of men..."

Application:

Match these verses with what they show about God's view of pride:

- Psalm 10:4* God hates pride and arrogance
Psalm 31:23 Pride leads to destruction
Proverbs 8:13 Proud don't seek God; say there's no God
Proverbs 11:2 Pride leads to disgrace; humility to wisdom
Proverbs 16:18 God preserves the humble...judges the proud
Proverbs 29:23 Pride leads to humiliation; humility to honor

Ask God to give you a broken and humble spirit, one that seeks God's face in His Word and desires to live in repentance daily.

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

God Humbles Nebuchadnezzar – Saturday

- Say the memory verse to mom, dad, or older sibling.

Pray: Dear Father, help me to understand what I read in Your Word.

Read: Daniel 4:34-37

How did Nebuchadnezzar view God and what did he do after 7 years (v 34)?

- He gave praise to the God of the Universe as Almighty God.
- He stayed crazy.
- He was angry and cursed God.

How did he view himself after 7 years (v 35)?

- He was nothing without God.
- He was unable to change or go against God's plans.
- He should not question God's actions.
- a, b and c

At the very moment that Nebuchadnezzar had been glorying in his self-made kingdom, God took his glorious kingdom away from Nebuchadnezzar.

At the very moment that Nebuchadnezzar gave God glory, God restored Nebuchadnezzar to his kingdom. Now, he had a different view of how he received his power. He said he "was established" and that "greatness was added to me". He didn't establish himself, and he didn't make himself great. These things were done to him by God's will and ways.

What was Nebuchadnezzar's conclusion (v 37)?

- He would praise, extol, and honor God as King of Heaven.
- God's ways are right and just.
- God can humble anyone who is proud.
- a, b and c

Application:

We all are proud by nature. We seek our own will and live the way we want in order to promote ourselves. This was the great temptation in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve wanted to "be like God", but we are called to be like Jesus, "being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Who do you want to be like: Nebuchadnezzar or Jesus?

Complete your Prayer Journal for today and pray about it.

Prayer Journal

Honor God with your praises and respect

Examine your life for sin and confess it to God

Ask God to supply for your personal needs

Request God's help for the needs of others

Thank God for blessing you every day

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Prayer Journal *...continued*

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Gray Road Baptist Church, Children's Ministries

This quiet time lesson was written to coincide with the *Generations of Grace* Sunday School curriculum. The daily lessons represented are in conjunction with the teacher's manual to provide a fluid, consistent message to your children both in Sunday school and in their private devotions.

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Come join us on Wednesday nights in the gym!

7:00-8:30 p.m.



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September 25

NO Praise Factory

UNIT #7: The Law-giving God

Unit #7: What are God's laws like?

Unit #7 Answer: God's laws are perfect.

Unit #7 Verse: Psalm 19:7

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Big Idea #30: God's laws are written in the Bible.

Big Idea #30 Verse: Deuteronomy 5:1

**Big Idea #31: God created us as perfect law keepers,
but we are all lawbreakers.**

Big Idea #31 Verse: Psalm 14:2-3

² The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.