

# Nebuchadnezzar's Pride

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- Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" (Daniel 4:29-30)
- Nebuchadnezzar is admiring all he has and he is giving himself the glory.

## Daniel 4:29-37

- The words were still on his lips when a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you.

(Daniel 4:31)

- **God intervenes and is about to put him in his place.**

## Daniel 4:29-37

- You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes." (Daniel 4:32)
- The key word here is “UNTIL”.
- It would take a long time for this man so full of pride to still acknowledge God’s grace in his life.

## Daniel 4:29-37

- Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like cattle. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. (Daniel 4:33)

## Daniel 4:29-37

- It is better to “humble ourselves” than for God to have to “humble us”.
- Job exclaims, “Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:6)

## Daniel 4:29-37

- *At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. (Daniel 4:34a)*
- **This humbled king got tired of looking down at the grass and dew and finally raised his eyes towards heaven.**

## Daniel 4:29-37

- Then I praised the *Most High*; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. (Daniel 4:34b)
- **Now he begins to rightly praise and glorify God.**



## Daniel 4:29-37

- All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"

(Daniel 4:35)

- The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

(Psalm 24:1)

- **God is sovereign and does as He likes.**

## Daniel 4:29-37

- *At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. (Daniel 4:36)*
- **God is RESTORER to those who humble themselves and give God His rightful place as King and Lord..**

## Daniel 4:29-37

- Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

(Daniel 4:37)

- He continues to praise God.

## Daniel 4:29-37

- “And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.” (Daniel 4:37)
- Do you know someone who is walking in pride and you don’t think God can change them?
- Remember, not only in your life but in other’s lives as well, “those who walk in pride he is able to humble.”

# Daniel 4:29-37

- **LET'S PRAY:**