

E2E- Part 109

Daniel 4

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1. God allows things, even trauma, to reach a lost soul.
2. The Lord first sent Nebuchadnezzar a vision to get his attention, then sent Daniel to interpret, instruct, and warn him, giving him a year to repent.
3. Because of his unrepentance, God causes Nebuchadnezzar's outward appearance to reflect his inner heart—repulsive and hideous. He becomes like a beast of the field, unable to think clearly.
4. Nebuchadnezzar committed many terrible acts. For example, he raided Jerusalem, stole sacred items from the Temple, burned the Temple down, and took many prisoners, including Daniel, God's chosen prophet.
5. God allowed these things to happen, and King Nebuchadnezzar had not yet suffered God's wrath. However, his pride pushes God toward the point of retribution.
6. Pride is the foundational sin because it causes all other sins and blocks legitimate understanding of God Almighty.
7. Nebuchadnezzar was warned directly by God, and now he must face the consequences of ignoring Him.
8. It took extreme action from God for Nebuchadnezzar to recognize that the Lord is Sovereign.
9. Through repentance, God restores him by His amazing grace.
10. Without God, humanity has no purpose.

GREEK & HEBREW WORDS

Qowl (kole); to call aloud; cry (+ out), (pro-)claim, thunder(-ing), + yell

QUOTES

- "...suffering has a kindly role here, and enables the king to appreciate how frail he really is."

- **Unknown**

TODAY'S WORSHIP

God of Wonders
I Believe
Trust in God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Daniel 4:28-37 together.

What does this passage teach us about God?

What does this passage teach us about man?

Nebuchadnezzar didn't just wake up one day and face judgment. God first gave him a dream, then sent Daniel to interpret it, and even gave him a year to change. The warning was clear and God's patience is real.

- Why do you think people often ignore clear warnings from God? What might that look like in our own lives today?

Nebuchadnezzar committed serious wrongs. He conquered Jerusalem, took sacred items from the temple, and caused immense suffering. Yet God still pursued him, warned him, and ultimately restored him after repentance.

- What does this teach us about the balance between God's justice and His grace? How should that shape the way we think about repentance and restoration?

Nebuchadnezzar only acknowledged God's sovereignty after hitting rock bottom.

- Why do you think it takes hitting rock bottom before turning to God?