

Oxford Baptist Church – Feb 18, 2018. Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Daniel Series: “Daring to Live by Faith.”
Message 4 – “Pride’s Insanity” – Daniel 4

Isaiah 2:17-18 ; Prov 16:18

The Lord’s Warning: the King’s Disturbing Dream. v. 4-18

The Lord’s Message: the King’s Danger. v. 19-26

The Lord’s Exhortation: the King’s Decision. v. 27-28

The Lord’s Discipline: the King’s Despair. v.29-33

- Prov 11:2; James 4:6; Prov 3:34; 1Peter 5:5-7
- Boanthropy; Zoanthropy

The Lord’s Grace: the King’s Deliverance. v. 34-37; 1-3

- The king praised the King of Kings. v. 34-35
- The king acknowledged the Sovereign King. v. 35b

“God’s sovereignty brings the believer assurance, strength, comfort, and the kind of surrender that produces faith and freedom. The Bible teaches both divine sovereignty and human responsibility, and when you accept both, there is no contradiction or conflict. No person is more free than the believer who surrenders to the sovereign will of God. To ignore God’s sovereignty is to exalt human responsibility and make man his own saviour, but to deny responsibility is to make man a robot without accountability. The Bible preserves a beautiful balance that exalts God and enables His people to live joyously and victoriously no matter what the circumstances might be (Acts 4:23-31; Rom 8:31-39)” Warren Wiersbe

- The king gives a testimony to all people about the amazing grace of the Lord. v. 1-3
- The Lord restores the king’s reason, honour, splendour, throne and removes his beastly heart and mind.

The Warning Continues: Is 13:11; Matt 23:12

Grace Still Continues with Genuine Repentance. 1Cor 6:9-10

“Those who walk in pride, the Lord is able to humble (Daniel 4:37); those who walk in humility will be exalted (Luke 14:11).”

Life Group Questions

1. Discuss and write out a definition of pride.
2. Why does God hate pride? Who in the Bible was destroyed by pride? See Isaiah 14:12-15; 2Chron 26:16-21
3. The Lord gives the King a year to repent after hearing Daniel’s message. How does this show the patient love of Lord and the discipline of the Lord? 2Peter 3:9
4. Pride leads to destruction. What does the King lose because of his pride?
5. Why does the king experience the Lord’s deliverance after seven years of tribulation? How does real repentance make the difference to receive the Lord’s grace?
6. Reread Warren Wiersbe’s quote. Why is it important to understand the Biblical truths that the Lord is sovereign and that we are to live responsible lives before him?
7. How has pride brought down people in our own society? Why are the supportive scriptures in this message so relevant for us to understand regarding the sin of pride?
8. Why is the grace of the Lord, repentance and forgiveness necessary for us to defeat pride? How is 1Cor 6:9-10 an encouragement?