

Series: The Stand
Message: Misdirected Glory
Scripture: Daniel 4
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Daniel 4:1-3

¹ *Nebuchadnezzar the king to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language that live in all the earth: "May your peace abound!*

² *"It has seemed good to me to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High God has done for me.*

³ *"How great are His signs And how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And His dominion is from generation to generation.*

Daniel 4:8-9

⁸ *"But finally Daniel came in before me, whose name is Belteshazzar according to the name of my god, and in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and I related the dream to him, saying,*

⁹ *'O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, since I know that a spirit of the holy gods is in you and no mystery baffles you, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, along with its interpretation.*

Daniel 4:15b-18

^{15b} *"... And let him share with the beasts in the grass of the earth.*

¹⁶ *"Let his mind be changed from that of a man And let a beast's mind be given to him, And let seven periods of time pass over him.*

¹⁷ *"This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers And the decision is a command of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, And bestows it on whom He wishes And sets over it the lowliest of men."*

¹⁸ *'This is the dream which I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar, tell me its interpretation, inasmuch as none of the wise men of my kingdom is able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for a spirit of the holy gods is in you.'*

Daniel 4:27

²⁷ *'Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you: break away now from your sins by doing righteousness and from your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, in case there may be a prolonging of your prosperity.'*

Daniel 4:30-33

³⁰ *"The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?"*

³¹ *"While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven, saying, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared: sovereignty has been removed from you,*

³² *and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.'*

³³ *"Immediately the word concerning Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled; and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.*

Daniel 4:34-37

³⁴ *"But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, And His kingdom endures from generation to generation.*

³⁵ *"All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?"*

³⁶ *"At that time my reason returned to me. And my majesty and splendor were restored to me for the glory of my kingdom, and my counselors and my nobles began seeking me out; so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me.*

³⁷ *"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."*

1 Peter 5:6

⁶ *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,*

1. All Of Creation, Including Mankind, Was Designed To Bring Glory To God.

2. To Refuse To Give Glory To God Is To Assume Glory For Self.

3. When Glory Due To God Is Directed To Self, There Are Inevitable Consequences.

1) Ingratitude

2) Idolatry

3) Impurity

4) Degrading Passions

5) Deprived Minds