

Connect Group Study Guide: Daniel Chapter 4&5 - Pride Comes Before a Fall

Chapter four of the book of Daniel reflects on the sovereignty of God and the need for us to humble ourselves before Him.

“A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honour.” - Proverbs 29:23

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,” -
1 Peter 5:6

Nebuchadnezzar had an opportunity to humble himself and recognise God's sovereignty but he was too intoxicated with success to change. God had to make him like the beast of the earth before he recognised God as God began praising His name. Can you identify with Nebuchadnezzar? Do you sometimes see yourself as the all important person? Do you sometimes forget that God is our God and we are the people of His pasture? Do you in arrogance pick and choose what to believe in God's word and what to rubbish? Do you dictate how God should bless you? Do you treat God as an errand boy sending for Him only when you need His blessings? It is so easy to fall in the same trap that Nebuchadnezzar did and Daniel four reminds us that God is sovereign and to humble ourselves before Him.

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11 NKJV

I pray that as you humble yourself in the sight of God, He will lift you up to greater heights.

Pastor Aaron

Read the Daniel chapter 4 and 5 and discuss the questions below.

1. What are some of the things that lead to pride?

2. What are the tell tale signs and pitfalls of pride?

3. What is humility and How can we ensure we keep a humble spirit?