

BIBLE STUDY 2: THE KING'S HUMILIATION

FOR DISCUSSION: Have you ever been humbled by God? How did He humble you, and what lessons did you learn through the experience? Did anything about you change?

1. **READ DANIEL 4:1-3.** Who is speaking in this passage, and who is he addressing? What does he say about God? Does this mean he is a 'true believer'?
2. **READ DANIEL 4:4-9.** Why did Nebuchadnezzar have confidence in Daniel, according to vs 8-9? What does the king not yet understand about Daniel and his God?
3. **READ DANIEL 4:10-18.** How do we know this vision is not about a literal tree, but rather a person?
4. According to vs 17, what is the purpose of the tree being cut down?
5. **READ DANIEL 4:19-27.** Why was Daniel so distressed about the interpretation he had to give?
6. According to vs 26, when would Nebuchadnezzar's Kingdom be restored? What had to happen first?
7. What practical advice did Daniel give the king (vs 27)? What did Daniel hope this might do?
8. **READ DANIEL 4:28-33.** What apparently triggered Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation (vs 30)?
9. How was he humbled? How did God show him grace even in his humiliation?
10. **READ DANIEL 4:34-37.** What great lesson did Nebuchadnezzar learn through his humiliation?
11. Do you think his faith in God was genuine? Why or why not?
12. What does the Bible mean when it says that '*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble*' (**James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5**)? How does He oppose the proud? How is He gracious to the humble?
13. Does God still deal with people this way?

PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, show us areas of our lives ruled by pride, and teach us to humble ourselves.
Thank you for showing us grace even in our arrogance!*



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