

Bible Study – The Book of Daniel

Lesson 4 – September 16, 2026

DANIEL 4

1. As Nebuchadnezzar opens and describes his dream what do you observe about his character (vv. 1-18)?
2. How does Nebuchadnezzar's proclamation in 4:1-3 differ from what he expressed in 3:28-29?
3. Describe Nebuchadnezzar's dream and describe what aspects of the dream may have caused him to be terrified. (vv.9-18)
4. What was Daniel's initial reaction or response to Nebuchadnezzar and what was Daniel's interpretation
5. How can we build the courage to speak biblical truth to others in love, even when it might put our relationships, status, or comfort at risk?
6. In verses 28-30 what characteristics do Nebuchadnezzar exhibit now?
7. How long was it before the dream was fulfilled and do you think if Nebuchadnezzar had repented God would have withheld his judgement or was it irrevocable at this point?
8. Can we sometimes misinterpret God's patience as approval for our bad behavior or hidden sins?
9. In verses 34-37 what was the outcome?
10. What characteristics do Nebuchadnezzar exhibit in verses 34-35?
11. Three times in this chapter God's purpose for giving the dream is repeated (vv. 17, 25, 32). Why do you think God was so intent on impressing Nebuchadnezzar with his sovereign authority instead of his grace or his love?
12. What does this chapter teach us about pride?

APPLICATION

- IDENTIFY HIDDEN PRIDE
- GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT A LICENSE TO KEEP SINNING BUT AN EXTENSION OF HIS GRACE
- THE "STUMP BOUND IN IRON" – THERE IS HOPE IN BROKENNESS
- "LOOK UP" AT GOD RATHER THAN LOOKING INWARD AT YOUR WORRIES/AT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS