

Pride, Pride & Pride

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King Nebuchadnezzar: **Daniel 4** teaches us the magnificent dream that the king had which depicted him as a “great tree” mighty, huge, and world-wide, but which was cut down for a time to teach the lesson that “... *the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men*” (v. 17). Despite this dream and its interpretation, one year later King Nebuchadnezzar proudly stated: “*Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?*” (v. 30). – Oops! He spent the next seven years suffering from a mental disease that made him nothing more than an animal! God blessed him with restoration of health, power and influence again. He proclaimed Jehovah to be the God of the universe and the One Who makes all things come to pass!

Jesus Christ: Jesus Christ is the perfect King of kings and Lord of lords. The One King who could have been proud humbled Himself to become a man, to be our perfect sacrifice for sin, and to call to Himself all those who choose to be of a kindred spirit. “*Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS*” (Matthew 11:29, NASB). “*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble*” (James 4:6). A proud, haughty spirit is opposite of God Himself, and contrary to the person He wants you and me to be – loving, benevolent, and submissive to His will. For He is God and we are NOT!

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