

² It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

³ How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace.

⁵ I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me.

²⁴ this is the interpretation, O king: It is a decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king, ²⁵ that you shall be driven from among men,

and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven,

and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.

²⁶ And as it was commanded to leave the stump of the roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be confirmed for you from the time that you know that Heaven rules.

²⁷ Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness,

and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.

28 All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. **29** At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon,

30 and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

31 While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you,

32 and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox,

and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will."

33 Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox,

and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

34 At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to 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, and he
does according to his will

among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of
the earth; and none can stay
his hand or say to him, "What
have you done?"

36 At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me.

My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me.

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven,

for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

Three Devastating Effects of Pride

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"Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

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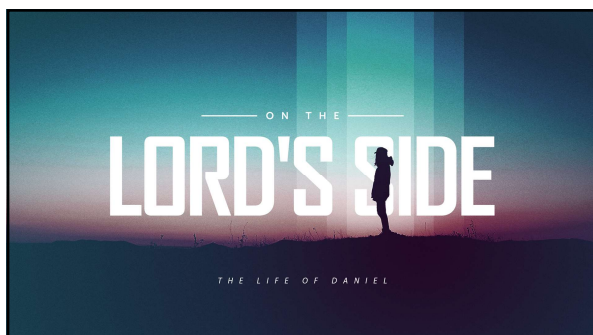
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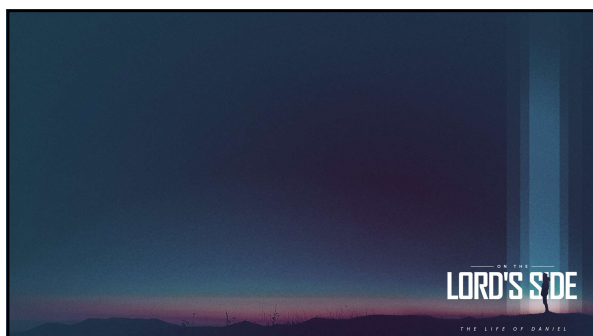
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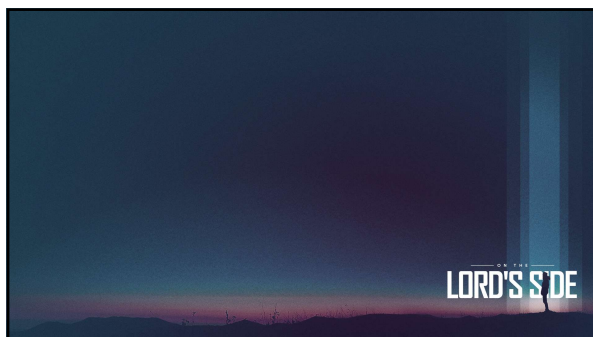
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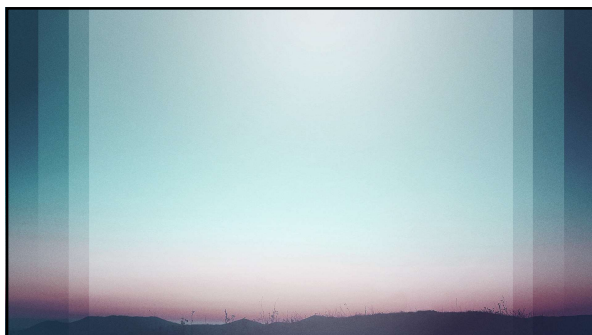
**Has Pride Been
Keeping You from
God?**

**Give God His Glory &
Go in His Goodness.**









23 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 24 If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 25 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

26 Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. 27 And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 28 Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. 29 Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. 30 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace.

31 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." 32 He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods."

33 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. 34 And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. 35 Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. 36 Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way." 37 Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

