

My Crazy Life

Daniel 4

But at the end of those days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven, and my sanity returned to me. Then I praised the Most High and honored and glorified him who lives forever: For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are counted as nothing, and he does what he wants with the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is no one who can block his hand or say to him, “What have you done?” At that time my sanity returned to me, and my majesty and splendor returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and my nobles sought me out, I was reestablished over my kingdom, and even more greatness came to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and glorify the King of the heavens, because all his works are true and his ways are just. He is able to humble those who walk in pride.

Daniel 4:34-37 (CSB)

FOCUS: God is in control of His world and no human ruler, benevolent or evil, can resist or overturn His power.

OUTLINE:

1. Babylonian Dreaming (4 – 18)
2. Dream for You (19 – 27)
3. Livin’ the Dream (28 – 33)
4. The Return of the King (34 – 37)
5. So What?
 - a. God will give us every opportunity to repent and turn to Him, but our opportunities are dwindling.
 - b. Successful people, even Christians, can become like Nebuchadnezzar when they experience too much success and too much praise from others.
 - c. Material prosperity is not always a mark of God’s blessing on one’s life.
 - d. Because secular success is ego driven, it can drive a person from God and turn his focus inward rather than outward.
 - e. God always prefers voluntary cooperation with his will rather than enforced discipline.
 - f. Christians must always proclaim the message of redemption as a major part of the message of judgement of sin.