

When We Think We Are God

Daniel 4
A Look at the Life of Daniel:
A Man For Our Time

A Brief Review

1. What is your FOUNDATION?
 - Where am I getting my information?
2. What is my FOCUS?
 - Why am I here? What is my purpose?
3. What does my FILTER say?
 - What do my decisions show I believe?
4. Do I have FAITH to act on my decision?
 - We know what is right, but do we act on it?

The Abilities of God

- Because God is God, all that is, revolves around Him.
- Because God is the one who knows all, He is the one who determines Truth.
- Because God is the one who is the giver of life, He is the sustainer of Life.
- Because God is the Ultimate Authority, He is the one who grants Authority

Daniel 4 – Neb Tells His Dream

- King Neb has a dream in which God is trying to show him he has faulty thinking
- No is able to interpret the dream until Daniel, who has the spirit of the holy gods in him, comes.
- 10,11 – touching sky- reaching the place of God
- 11 - great and strong
- 12 – providing food to all
- 13,17 – Decision by the watchers, the holy ones

God's Response to Wannabe gods

- Daniel Alarmed -19
- 20 -22 – The tree is you, Neb
- 23-24 - Because you saw a 'watcher' "it is a decree of The Most High" Ps.82; 89:5-7; 1Kings 22:19-23
- 25 – You will be driven from among men and you will live and act like an animal for 7 periods of time till you recognize the Most High as supreme ruler
- 27- Daniel implores the king stop sinning

God's Response to Wannabe gods

- 3 Things God wanted to show Nebby
1. I am God and you are not
 2. Your life, health and sanity are in my hands
 3. I give authority to who I want, when I want

The Fulfilment

- 28-29 12 months later
- 30- Nebby speaks his mind.
- 31- God speaks His mind.
 - His Authority is taken away
 - Your palace, your power, your friends, your sanity, your manners are taken away till you acknowledge God is God and you are not.
 - It will take you 7 years.
- And it was so.

The Conversion of a Mind

- He raised his eyes to heaven.
 - He acknowledged God was God
- His sanity, his honour, his authority and his throne were restored, greater than before
- All leaders of the world need to take heed to the lesson taught to Nebuchadnezzar
- There was a change in his thinking. This is true conversion.

The Conversion of a Mind, Today

- Today, conversion is more an assimilation
- We think we are god and that we have the authority to determine what is truth
- We think we have authority to determine how we will approach God
- We think we have authority over our lives
- We think we sustain life through our abilities and our power
- Listen to what people say about Truth



Thinking We Are God

- Because God is the one who knows all, He is the one who determines Truth.
- Because God is the All-Powerful Creator, He is the one who grants Authority
- Because God is the one who is the giver of life, He is the sustainer of Life.
- Because God is God He is the one who determines HOW we will approach Him.

On Mission With God

- Conversion is changing the way people think. It is teaching them to think like Jesus
- It is not about getting people to walk the aisle, raise the hand, say the prayer. That may only be an indication of their willingness to start the process of changing their thinking.
- Deut.6:2-9 It is a change of thinking that changes the way we live.

Are We On Mission With God?

- Deut.6:2-9 tells us we need to focus on children. Teach the truths of God while they are young so they grow up thinking like Jesus
- What difference would it make in Osoyoos if this were so?
- What should we do? Prov.2:2-7

Are We On Mission With God?

Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding. Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the Lord grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. Prov.2:2-7