



Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World

Passage: Daniel 4

Title: The Insanity of not Submitting to God

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Discussion Starter – Have you heard it said that Jesus is my savior, but not Lord? Is this a Biblical relationship? What are some reasons that a believer would be hesitant to fully submit himself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Review Daniel 2 and 3

- 1) What did Nebuchadnezzar say in response to Daniel's interpretation of his dream? (Daniel 2:46-49)
- 2) What did Nebuchadnezzar do in response to Daniel's interpretation? (Daniel 3:1) Is there a contradiction between his words and actions? What do his actions in Chapter 3 reveal about his confession in Chapter 2?
 - a) Are there behaviors in your life that contradict your confession of faith? What steps can you take to eliminate those contradictions?
- 3) How much time passed between Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 of Daniel? What do you think Nebuchadnezzar's relationship with God was like during those years? What does this time period reveal to us about God's grace?

Read Daniel 4:1-9

- 4) What is revealed about Nebuchadnezzar's desire to seek God in this passage?

Read Daniel 10-18

- 5) Who does God desire to instruct from the lesson of Nebuchadnezzar's soon to come experience?
- 6) Read Matthew 25:29-30. What responsibility is always associated with God's blessings and gifts to us?
 - b) What blessings and gifts have you been given? How are you stewarding them?
 - c) What lesson can you learn from this dream and interpretation? (verse 17)

Read Daniel 19-33

- 7) What was Daniel's advice in verse 27?
- 8) How is God's grace and patience demonstrated in this passage? (read Psalm 103:8-11)
- 9) Does Nebuchadnezzar respond to God's warning and repent? Is the dream literally fulfilled?
 - d) Has God provided gracious warning to you to address behaviors in your life that do not conform to your confession of faith?

Read Proverbs 28:14 and Proverbs 29:1

- 10) What is our human characteristic that results in the insanity of not submitting to God?
 - e) What can you do to recognize and repent of any resistance to professing full allegiance to the Lord Jesus?

Read Daniel 4:34-37

- 11) Describe the change in Nebuchadnezzar's confession of faith compared to his declaration in Daniel 2:6-7. Do you think his extended trial was worth the transformation in his life?