



# THRIVING IN BABYLON

PART 6

MORE THAN I DESERVE

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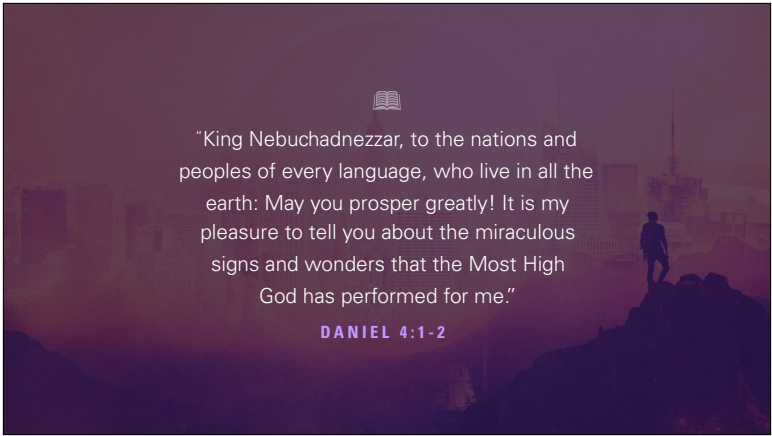
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"King Nebuchadnezzar, to the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly! It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me."

DANIEL 4:1-2

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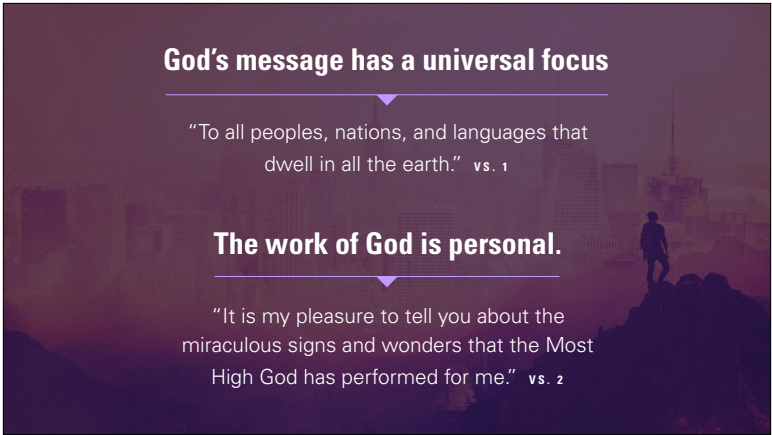
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## God's message has a universal focus

"To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth." vs. 1

## The work of God is personal.

"It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me." vs. 2

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The tone isn't just sovereignty as it is the kindness of God

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"This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.

**DANIEL 4:24-37**

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"The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue."

**DANIEL 4:24-37**

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**THE DREAM IS FULFILLED**

"This happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, 'Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?'

**DANIEL 4:24-37**

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"Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, 'This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.'

**DANIEL 4:24-37**

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"Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

DANIEL 4:24-37

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"His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'

DANIEL 4:24-37

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"At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble."

DANIEL 4:24-37

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— PRIDE —  
will strip you of your sleep

Because God is a merciful God—He will send you voices—messages, dreams, people who will tell you the truth—if you're willing to listen.

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TWO KINDS OF PRIDE

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GOOD Life Pride

HARD Life Pride

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"In his pride the wicked does not seek him;  
in all his thoughts there is no room for God."

PSALM 10:4

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"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is  
the kingdom of heaven."

MATTHEW 5:3

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"God opposes the proud but favors the humble."  
So humble yourselves before God. Resist the  
devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to  
God, and God will come close to you."

JAMES 4:6B-7

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## PRIDE

makes you look at life and say  
"I'm the author of my life"  
when, in fact, it is a gift. You  
claim to be the author of  
something that is a gift.

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## HUMILITY

looks at life and says "it's all a gift."

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## SPIRITUAL HUMILITY

says that "I am utterly dependent on God."

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### The outcome of PRIDE

- Because you insist on being more than I made you – you will become less than I made you.
- Pride makes you like an animal – unable to empathize with people.
  - *You're never more human than when you're compassionate.*

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The only way to be healed of **PRIDE** – is to let God heal you

- You have to see that you don't deserve anything from God except judgement.
- You have to be able to see that you are the object of the greatest mercy of God.
  - *You have to see them both – if you don't, you won't be healed.*

The end of Daniel tells us what we will do when we are healed of **PRIDE**

"Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: 'What have you done?'"

**DANIEL 4:34-35**

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