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Daniel 4

“A Most Unlikely Convert”





Trivia Question:

Who was Noah's father's, father's,
father?



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"Pride is a great vice, and the first of vices, the beginning, the origin, and the cause of all sins."

- *St. Augustine*

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“Mr. Nezzer”

- *Veggie Tales*



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Daniel 4:37

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.

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Daniel 4:19-27

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3 things (v. 27):

- 1) Break away from his sins
- 2) Do righteousness
- 3) Show mercy to the poor and oppressed.

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“When small men begin to cast big shadows, it means that the sun is about to set.”

- *Lin Yutang*

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Daniel 4:28-30, 33

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... Daniel 4:34

“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”.

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Isaiah 45:22

“Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”

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“It does not say, see him, but ‘Look unto him.’ If there is an obstacle before you, and you only look in the right direction, it is sufficient.

‘Look unto me.’ It is not seeing Christ so much as looking after him. The will after Christ, the wish after Christ, the desire after Christ, the trusting in Christ, the hanging on Christ; *that* is what is wanted.”

- C.H. Spurgeon

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A man,
who thought himself a god,
was made a beast,
to learn that he was but a
man.

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“Pride is the only disease known to man that makes everyone sick, except the person who has it.”

- *Buddy Robinson*

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1. Fault-finding

“The spiritually proud person shows it in his finding fault with other saints. The eminently humble Christian has so much to do at home, and sees so much evil in his own, that he is not apt to be very busy with other hearts.”



2. A Harsh Spirit

“Christians who are but fellow-worms ought at least to treat one another with as much humility and gentleness as Christ treats them.”

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3. Superficiality

A proud person doesn't let anyone too close, let them see his flaws.



4. Defensiveness

They're unapproachable, and quick to blame others when criticized.



5. Presumption Before God

“Some, in their great rejoicing before God, have not paid sufficient regard to that rule in Psalm 2:11 — ‘Worship the Lord with reverence, and rejoice with trembling.’”

Desperation for Attention

Pride is hungry for attention, respect, and worship in all its forms.



7. Neglecting Others

Ezekiel 16:49

Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.

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•• “Denial of Self”, by Jeremiah Burroughs

Lord, I am nothing,

Lord, I deserve nothing,

Lord, I can do nothing, and make use of nothing.

I am worse than nothing,

and if I come to nothing and perish,

I will be no loss at all.



Jeremiah 13:15-17

Hear and give ear; be not proud, for the LORD has spoken. ¹⁶ Give glory to the LORD your God before he brings darkness, before your feet stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness.

¹⁷ But if you will not listen, my soul will weep in secret for your pride; my eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.

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Isaiah 9:10

“The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.”

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Isaiah 9:8-10

8 The Lord has sent a word against Jacob, and it will fall on Israel; 9 and all the people will know, Ephraim and the inhabitants of Samaria, who say in pride and in arrogance of heart:

10 β “The bricks have fallen, but we will build with dressed stones; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will put cedars in their place.”

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Matthew 21:44

“And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust.”

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