## THOSE WHO WALK IN PRIDE HE IS ABLE TO HUMBLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## DANIEL 4

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The passage revolves around God's dealing with Nebuchadnezzar's pride. Nebuchadnezzar is shown to be a proud man. Why is he proud? How would you define pride based on what you see in this passage?

The Bible speaks of pride in both a good sense (1 Cor. 1:31) and a bad sense (Prov. 8:13; 16:5). How can you discern which kind of pride you are exhibiting?

A Why is human pride (the bad kind) so offensive to God? (See also Proverbs 6:16-17, Proverbs 16:5, Psalm 10:4, Isaiah 10:12)

🎔 What surprising areas of pride has God convicted you about recently?

Nebuchadnezzar was called to turn from his wicked ways by Daniel in v27, and the Holy God pursues a Pagan king. How is this mercy from God? Did Nebuchadnezzar deserve this? Why or why not?

🖋 In what ways had God been revealing himself to Nebuchadnezzar for many years? In what indirect ways had God revealed himself to him?

Think back to how God has mercifully pursued you in similar ways. What has he pursued you about specifically? What was it like? How have you responded (think negatively and positively)?

**Nebuchadnezzar was warned of God's coming judgment and yet did nothing about it.** Why do you think Nebuchadnezzar didn't respond to Daniel's call to change his ways?

How much time passed since the king had his disturbing dream and revelation from Daniel? Do you think Nebuchadnezzar had a false sense of security? Why? What may have been the contributing factors?

🤹 How can similar feelings and attitudes to Nebuchadnezzar's cause us to presume on God's patience and lovingkindness?

	$\mathcal{Q}$ Meditate for a moment on God's patience. How do we take the time that God has given us for granted?	
	🗐 What is the right perspective to have on the time that God has given us? (2 Peter 3:9, Romans 2:4, 1 T	'im 1:16, Ps 86:15)
4	<b>God's judgment comes to pass on Nebuchadnezzar.</b> 2 Cor. 5:10 says that all "must appear before the jumay receive what is due for what he has done in the body." How is this judgment different for those whe those who are not?	
	🗱 How does this aspect of God's trustworthiness serve us today? Think of both when your own life (v9)	and about other's lives (v11a).
	igap Are there ways that you have been ignoring the working of God in your life? How do you need pray i	n those areas?
	🖋 Take a moment to thank God for how He pursues his children when they harden their hearts. (See H	ebrews 12:4-11; James 5:13-18; John 6:18)
5	Nebuchadnezzar is ultimately restored. What led to that restoration?	
	Discuss the following from the Gospel Transformation Bible: "In his state of abject humiliation, Nebuchadnezzar lifts his eyes to heaven and is restored by God. As long as he looks down on others, God is distant; but when Nebuchadnezzar looks up in desperation, God provides his grace. The words remind us not only that "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6), but also that there are none so evil or so destitute that the grace of God cannot reach them."	PRAYER REQUESTS
	🗱 What can we learn from how Nebuchadnezzar repents? What does repentance look like in his life?	
	<i>♦</i> What does God desire from us when he reveals sin in our lives?	
	How is God's restoration of Nebuchadnezzar an encouragement for your personal pursuit of holiness? What about for your gospel endeavors with those that seem hopelessly lost?	