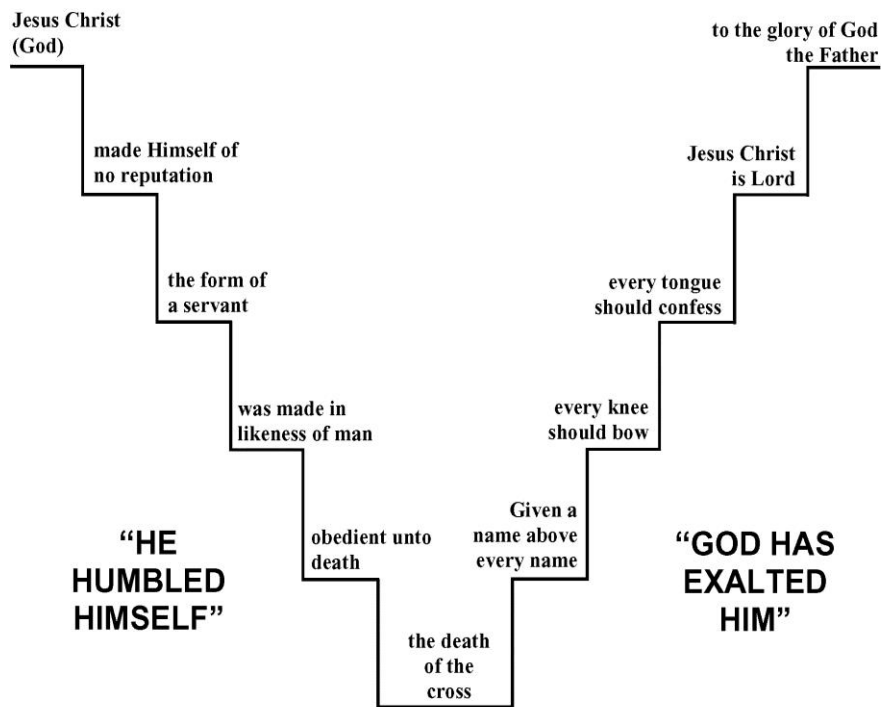


BE HUMBLE

Or

BE HUMBLLED!

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BE HUMBLE OR BE HUMBLED

- What truth is set forth in 3 different verses in the OT & NT?
- What does this indicate to us?
- What has characterized godly believers throughout the ages?
- To confirm this truth, I would like to call to the witness stand:
 - a) _____ . (Matthew 3:1-3, 11; 11:11)
 - b) _____ . (2 Corinthians 12:11)
 - c) _____ . (Isaiah 6:5-8)
 - d) _____ . (Luke 5:8)
 - e) _____ . (Jeremiah 1:6-8)
 - f) _____ . (Matthew 8:5-10)
 - g) _____ . (Luke 7:36-50)
- Who is the ultimate example of humility? (Matthew 11:29; Phil.2:5-11)
- Principle to remember: God is willing to save you _____, but He doesn't want to leave you _____, but He is willing to work with you _____! But to do so, He may need to _____ you!

A. The EXPLANATION of True HUMILITY vs PRIDE.

1. Humility is _____.
2. The opposite of humility is _____ . (Prov.11:2, 29:23)
3. Pride is _____.
4. Pride originated in the heart of _____ . (Ezekiel 28:11-17; Isaiah 14:12-15)
5. Pride then made its way into the human race through _____ . (Genesis 3:1-6; Romans 5:12; Mark 7:20-23)
6. God _____ pride but He _____ humility. (Prov.6:16, 15:33, 29:23)
7. Pride steals _____ from God and gives it to _____. (Isaiah 42:8; Psalm 115:1-2; Acts 12:20-24)

- Your 2 options throughout your life are either to be _____ or to be _____.
- To confirm this truth, I would like to call to the witness stand:
 - a) _____. (Exodus 10:3-4)
 - b) _____. (Deuteronomy 8:1-3)
 - c) _____. (1 Kings 21:27-29)
 - d) _____. (2 Kings 22:19)
 - e) _____. (2 Chronicles 32:36)
 - f) _____. (2 Chronicles 33:11-13)
 - g) _____. (Acts 12:20-23)

B. The ESCAPING From PRIDE Requires ORIENTATION TO GOD’S GRACE.

1. Starting with SALVATION.

a. Matthew 18:3-4

b. Luke 18:8 –14

c. Romans 3:23-28

d. Ephesians 2:8-9

e. Titus 3:3-5

f. Philippians 3:3-9

g. 1 Corinthians 1:17-32

2. Continuing in the CHRISTIAN LIFE.

- a. Related to your _____ about _____. (Romans 12:1-3; Gal.6:3)
- b. Related to your _____ with _____. (Romans 12:16)
- c. Related to your spiritual _____. (John 15:4-5)
- d. Related to your spiritual _____ and _____. (1 Cor.4:7)
- e. Related to your spiritual _____. (1 Cor.8:1-3)
- f. Related to your spiritual _____. (1 Cor.15:10; 2 Cor. 12:11; Acts 20:19; Colossians 1:28-29)
- g. Related to a _____ and guarding the _____ the Spirit has produced in Christ. (Eph.4:1-3; Prov.13:10, 14:3)

- Tracking Paul's growth in grace:

C. The EXPRESSIONS of HUMILITY Due to Orienting to God's Grace Involve ...

- 1. A daily _____ upon the Lord in light of your acknowledged _____. (2 Cor.3:5-6, 5:7, 12:7-10)
- 2. An attitude of _____ to the Lord. (Romans 6:11-13)
- 3. A _____ and _____ to God's Word. (Col.3:16-17)
- 4. A spirit of _____. (John 15:7; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9; James 4:13-17; 1 Pet. 5:7)

5. A biblical submission to proper _____. (1 Peter 5:1-8; Ephesians 6:1-3; Heb.13:17)

6. A willingness to be and take _____. (Prov.9:8, 12:1, 13:1, 15:12, 21:24)

7. A willingness to _____ as needed. (Prov.28:13; 1 John 1:9)

- An example to learn from:

- Are you learning to walk in humility vs pride due to grasping the grace of God by faith?

FACING THE FURNACE OF AFFLICTION

(Daniel 3)

* The context of Daniel 3

I. The Image & Nebuchadnezzar's Demand (3:1-6)

A. The Image of Gold (3:1-3)

1. What this image looked like we are not told, but perhaps it reflected some aspect of Nebuchadnezzar's prideful _____ in chapter two.
2. It's dimension is 90 feet x 9 feet & it may have looked like a man but it no doubt *represented* the _____ & the _____ of King Nebuchadnezzar.

B. The Demand for Worship (3:4-7)

1. At the precise moment, a decree is made turning this political dedication into a _____ service of King Nebuchadnezzar.
2. Music is the universal language Nebuchadnezzar used to _____ move the people & to _____ them to fall down & worship the image that had been set up.
3. Those who would not comply were to be _____ immediately in a burning fiery furnace.

II. Those That Refused To Bow Down (3:8-18)

A. The Accusation by Certain Chaldeans (3:8-12)

1. Motivated with pride & jealousy these Chaldeans reminded the king that certain _____ which he had set in positions of authority in his kingdom were not _____ to the king's decree.
2. Three charges were leveled against Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-Nego by these Chaldeans:
 - a. these men do not pay you your _____ (a half truth)
 - b. they do not serve your _____, but their _____.
 - c. nor do they _____ the golden image which you have set up.

The point: This is nothing less than _____ against you & the gods you serve; as well as an act of _____ toward Babylon & it's authority!!!

B. The Confrontation by Nebuchadnezzar (3:13-15)

1. The angry king confronts these men, yet gives them a chance to _____ concerning their decision.
2. The confrontation between Nebuchadnezzar & Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-Nego is really between Nebuchadnezzar & the _____ of Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-Nego. This is indicated by Nebuchadnezzar's words, "*who is the _____ who will _____ you from my hands?*"
3. His ultimatum to them is _____ to the image, or _____ in the furnace!

C. The Response of Shadrach, Meshach, & Abed-Nego (3:16-18)

1. They realized that Nebuchadnezzar would never be able to understand why they did what they did, so they _____ their lives to God's _____.

- How did they respond to the King?
- What were they doing?
- What did this say about their God?
- Did this statement presume on God?

III. Facing The Wrath Of Nebuchadnezzar (3:19-23)

1. He commands the furnace to be heated _____ hotter than normal!
2. He orders his mighty men of valor to _____ & _____ these Jews into the burning fiery furnace.
3. Because his command was urgent & the furnace exceedingly hot, the king's own mighty men _____ who cast the Jews into the furnace.

IV. God's Miraculous Deliverance (3:24-25)

- * Amazing things Nebuchadnezzar witnessed at this execution _____ him:
- a. he noted _____ men in the furnace not just _____
 - b. they were all _____ & walking around in the fire
 - c. none of them were _____ by the fire
 - d. the form of the 4th was _____ or _____ in appearance

V. Nebuchadnezzar's Response (3:26-30)

A. His Recognition of the Most High God's _____ (3:26-27)

B. Nebuchadnezzar's Decree (3:28-30)

1. "_____ be their God"!
 - a. The Most High God's Angel had _____ those who _____ in Him
 - b. They had _____ the Kings decree because they had taken a _____ for Christ & His word & God had _____ it!
 - c. They had yielded their _____ in service to their God (Rom. 12:1-2)
2. How did their humility & faithfulness to God make a _____ in Babylon? (3:29)
 - a. Instead of worshipping the golden image on the plain of Dura, the people of Babylon are commanded To _____!!!!
 - b. Instead of perishing in the fiery furnace, these men were _____ & _____ in Babylon!

What does all this mean to you?

A PROUD KING REPENTS (Daniel 4)

The Context:

I. Nebuchadnezzar's Divine Proclamation (4:1-3)

II. Nebuchadnezzar's Troublesome Dream (4:4-17)

A. Nebuchadnezzar Summons His Wise Men For Their Spiritual Insight (4:6-7)

B. Nebuchadnezzar Calls for Daniel (4:8-9)

C. The Details of the Vision/Dream (4:10-17)

1. Nebuchadnezzar's dream centered on a great _____ whose _____ / _____ reached to the ends of the earth (4:11)

2. What characteristics could we note? (4:11-12)

- What was this tree a *symbol* of? (4:20-22)
- What was the great tree's *destiny*? (4:13- 14a)

*The tree vision was interrupted by a holy watcher (an _____) who descended from heaven with a _____ / _____!

3. The decree had number of alarming aspects: 4:14b-ff

a. The great tree was destined to be chopped _____ & _____ of all its _____ (4:14)

b. The stump & root of the tree were to be _____, but _____ with a band of iron & bronze.

- So *how* would this judgment unfold? ...

1) He would be _____ into the field like an _____ (4:15b)

2) His heart was to be _____ from that of a man to that of a _____. (4:16a)

3) He would remain in this condition for a period of ____ years (4:16b)

4. The *purpose* of the decree was to show that the living may know that the Most High _____ in the kingdom of men! (4:17)

- So what happened to king Nebuchadnezzar?

III. Daniel's Interpretation of the Vision/Dream (4:19-27)

A. Daniel's Courageous Words (19-26)

1. Daniel was _____ by what he saw & expresses his wish was that the interpretation concerned the kings _____, and not King Nebuchadnezzar. (4:19)

2. Daniel explained that the great tree vision was Nebuchadnezzar's _____ which had grown strong & whose _____ had reached to the ends of the earth.

- But what of the decree of the holy watcher?
- Who stood behind the decree of holy watcher?
- What did He decree concerning Nebuchadnezzar?
 - Temporary _____ will drive you _____ men
 - You will live among the _____ of the field like an _____
 - You will eat _____ like an _____
 - You won't have the _____ to come in out of the _____
 - You will _____ in this condition for _____
- What is the reason for all this?
... since you would not be _____, God determined to _____ you!

C. Daniel's Wise Advice (4:27)

- Do proud people listen well?

IV. God's Judgment Falls on Nebuchadnezzar's Pride (4:28-33)

1. God graciously gave _____ for the king to _____, but he did not! (4:28-29)

* What was Nebuchadnezzar's problem?

1) Pride is the _____ of grace thinking & humility!

2) Pride _____ to acknowledge all we have comes from the _____! (1 Cor. 4:7)

3) Pride involves mental _____ concerning our need of God in life! (4:30)

2. While the words were in his mouth, God's _____ fell! (4:31)

V. Nebuchadnezzar's Restoration to His Rule (4:34-37)

What does all this mean to you?