

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“The Humbling of a King”**

**“Behind Enemy Lines” – Pt. 5**

Daniel 4:1-37 & Selected

If God can so easily humble one of the mightiest kings to ever live, make no mistake that He can humble anyone, anywhere, at any time!

### **I. God’s Warning is Clear**

See Verses 4-18

*“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or His ear dull, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear.”* Isaiah 59:1-2

#### **Truth Application to Remember:**

God is at work in the lives of all unbelievers!

### **II. God’s Judgment is Coming**

See Verses 19-26

#### **Truth Application to Remember:**

God uses people to share His truth and love with unbelievers!

### III. God's Mercy Demands Repentance

*"Therefore, O King, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity." Vs. 27*

#### **Truth Application to Remember:**

God mercy is available to all who turn to God in repentance!

### IV. God's Word is Sure

See Verses 18-33

- **Pride is the sin most hated by God!**  
(See Proverbs 8:13b; 16:5a; 11:2a)
- **Pride is the ultimate motivation of all evil!**  
*"I will make myself like the Most High."* Isaiah 14:14b
- **Pride is the arrogant and wretched theft of glory that belongs only to God!**  
(See Isaiah 42:8; Proverbs 16:18, 11:2a, 18:12)
- **Pride is the sin least likely to be confessed!**

### V. God's Grace is Available

See Verses 34-38

*"God is opposed to the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

James 4:6

*"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:5-7*