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WEEK FOUR GOLDEN IMAGES DANIEL 2:44-49: 3:1-7



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KNOW IT

What did King Nebuchadnezzar witness and know? After Daniel gave Nebuchadnezzar all he had asked for he stated,

> "... the great God has made known to the king what will take place in the future; so the dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy." (Dan. 2:45)

This encounter was so incredible it sent the king to his knees before Daniel.

SAY IT

What did King Nebuchadnezzar say? Humbled by the demonstration of Daniel's God, the king said,

"Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries since you have been able to reveal this mystery." (Dan. 2:47)

In comparison to all the king knew of other gods, he came face to face with the <u>limitless</u> power of the one true and living God. Nebuchadnezzar verbalized that God was over everything and everyone.



DO IT?

What did King Nebuchadnezzar do? The king rewarded and promoted Daniel and his friends.

But then, "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold the height of which was sixty cubits (90ft) and its width six cubits (9ft)." (Dan. 3:1) "You are to fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up. But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire." (Dan. 3:5-6)

Erecting a golden image and demanding worship or death, gives clear indication that despite everything the king had witnessed and said, he still elevated himself, thus denying the power of God and the worship He deserves. We are also susceptible of elevating golden images of our own <u>success</u> or identity in search of the adoration and approval of others.

DOWN WITH PRIDE

Based on what you have seen of God's power, and based on what you have said of His sovereignty, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? Like Nebuchadnezzar we are all capable of encountering the Most High, yet choosing to act with **disregard** (2 Tim. 3:5). This crucial mistake is made as a result of **pride** (Dan. 4:37). The solution is to act with a heart of humility (Lk. 18:14, 22:42, Jm. 4:6, 10, 1 Pt. 5:4-6). Don't just surround yourself with God's wisdom, respond to it by elevating God and humbling yourself.