

THE DANGER OF THE SELF-MADE MAN

(Daniel 4)

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The obsession of becoming the self-made man:
- B. God's constant pursuit of king Nebuchadnezzar:

II. PRIDES DESTRUCTION AND HUMBLE RESOLVE FOR THE KING: *(Daniel 4:1-37)*

- A. The contrast of comfort and conviction: *(vs. 1-18)*
 - 1. The king's testimony: *(vv. 1-3)*
 - 2. The false security of prosperity: *(vv. 4-5)*
 - 3. The king's troubling vision: *(vv. 6-18)*
- B. The call of repentance: *(vv. 19-27)*
 - 1. Daniel conveys the vision to the king: *(vv. 19-26)*
 - 2. The pleading preacher: *(v. 27)*
- C. The consequences of pride: *(vv. 28-33)*
 - 1. The boast of the self-made man: *(vv. 28-30)*
 - 2. The Instant descent: *(vv. 31-33)*
- D. The Cure: Restoration through worship: *(vv. 34-37)*
 - 1. Looking to Heaven: *(v. 34)*
 - 2. The king put God on the rightful throne of his life: *(vv. 35-37)*

III. APPLICATIONS:

- A. Instead of focusing on the world's expectations for success, we need to focus our attention on what God says success is and continually humble ourselves by giving all credit to the Lord in all things.
- B. God is constantly on the path of pursuit in your life and if you're his child then he will humble you when pride is left unchecked; there will always be a correction of pride from God when we fail to humble ourselves.