

The Daniel Dilemma

Pt.5 How Sanity is Restored

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Genesis 11:4,(NIV) Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves."

Genesis 11:9 (NIV) That is why it was called Babel - because the lord confused the language of the whole world.

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The Babylon Mentality elevates _____ and lowers God.

Daniel 4 (NIV) 4 I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, content and prosperous. 5 I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me.

22 Your Majesty, you are that tree! 25 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. 26 The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. 27 Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue." 28 All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30 he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?" 31 Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. 32 You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes." 33 Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird.

34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever. His dominion is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?" 36 At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

My Sanity Will Be Restored When . . .

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Psalm 145:1 (NIV) I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

2. When I _____ that everything God does is right

and all His ways are just.

Isaiah 55:7-9 (NIV) Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

3. When I walk in _____

Isaiah 66:2 (NIV) This is the one I will esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.

Manna News

Fall Festival Outreach October 14th 11am-2pm. Sign up to SERVE online!



Info Guide

Welcome

We're glad you're here! This Info Guide will help you learn how to get connected at Manna and share what is available to you at the service today. We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time with us.

What to Expect

During today's worship experience you can expect about a 65 minute service that will begin with approximately 20-25 minutes of worship, we will also have a brief time of announcements, followed by a 35-minute biblical and practical message delivered by our Pastor.

Connection Card

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—We just want to thank you for joining us today and let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

Free Gift

If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service— We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!

NextStep

If you want to learn more about Manna Church, who God has called you to be, and how you can make a difference, NextStep is for you. It is a 4-week small group that meets the first four Sundays of every month. Childcare is provided and you can learn the times and locations at the info center in the lobby. We would love for you to take this step!

Manna Kids

We promise a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through 5 years, and the Elementary experience is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

Manna Students

Manna Students meets weekly, at Manna Capital, Sunday afternoons nights at 11:30am. We play games, fellowship, and grow together in our relationship with Jesus. Middle School and High School age both welcomed! Our current focus is on learning to hear the voice of God.

Small Groups

Life-change happens in the context of small groups. Get invovled in one today! Visit our website for a list of small groups. capitalarea.manna.church