

The Daniel Dilemma

Part 2 - Drama Queen

Big Idea

This week Pastor Ryan introduced the "Babylon Mentality." Babylon is the physical setting for the book of Daniel, but it is also a mindset. The Babylon Mentality is a confused way of thinking that stands up to God in pride. This confusion comes from believing the lie that Satan is on our side and God is all about Himself. This mentality can lead us to lower our view of God and elevate ourselves. We begin to believe that God doesn't love us and wants too much from us. This results in a confused and chaotic lifestyle. In Chapter 4 of Daniel, the content and prosperous Nebuchadnezzar began to praise himself. As a result of his pride he was driven away to live with the wild animals. After seven years, Nebuchadnezzar praised and glorified God, and his kingdom was restored. In the same way when we choose to elevate ourselves - follow our own way instead of God's way - confusion creeps into our lives. Just like He did with Nebuchadnezzar though, God always leaves a path to restoration open. So, how do we restore order and sanity in our lives? We lift up God, acknowledge His grace and authority, and humble ourselves before Him. As we live in a culture that continues to shift more and more, we need to cling to God's word and seek His presence daily so that we can have the power and presence.

*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.
They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.*

John 17:15-16

Discussion

(Read Daniel 4 as the overview for this week's discussion)

1. Pastor Ryan taught that we can either set the culture or reflect it. Talk about a time when you have either influenced the culture around you or reflected it. How did you grow through the experience?
2. Social media can be a slippery slope towards a self-adoring lifestyle. Discuss a few ways that social media can promote or invite a Babylon Mentality. What are some ways that you can protect against these dangers?
3. Humility is a term that can often be misunderstood. Humility isn't thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less. Using that definition, how have you shown humility in your life? Would you say humility comes easily to you, or is this an area where you would benefit from growth?
4. Think about the accomplishments in your life. Discuss ways in which God has provided for your successes.

Prayer Focus

Praise God today and humble yourself before Him. Acknowledge that every good gift is from Him and belongs to Him. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you to live humbly and grow in wisdom and discernment so that you can see the lies of the enemy for what they are. Ask for grace to stand firm in your convictions in a way that glorifies His name.

Next Steps

Consider your day to day relationships. Does your communication reflect a self-promoting or God-promoting attitude? Begin shifting conversations to reflect what God has done in your life rather than what you have accomplished. Start a daily or weekly journal where you reflect on the ways God provides for you daily. You can also write out prayers and record how God answers them.

Act On It

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