



# HOPE for a Swollen Head

*Daniel 4:1-37 / 1 Peter 3:15*

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

## **Swollen Heads can be turned to God by \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ing Heart (1:1-7, 1 Pet 3:15)**

*Before Daniel STANDS for anything he kneels to seek God in PRAYER*

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan. -BUNYAN

## **Swollen Heads see repeat signs of God's p\_\_\_\_\_g Love (chapters 2-3)**

*His future will is revealed through via Daniel after Neb's first dream!*

*His defending might is seen by Neb in the fiery furnace!*

*His saving sovereignty is praised – Neb tries to add him to his kingdom!*

## **Swollen Heads ignore kind pictures of their \_\_\_\_\_ (4:19-27) "Stay humble" is not sound advice...why? Our NATURE:**

Acting like we are the SOURCE

Believing our own BOASTs                      *the silent, internal ones are...*

Cruising like what's good will LAST FOREVER

## **Swollen Heads \_\_\_\_\_ hard when they take c\_\_\_\_\_t VS give thanks (4:28-33)**

*Proverbs 16:18: Pride comes before .....*

## **Swollen Heads are saved when they \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ King (4:34-37)**

*James 4:6: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven,  
... And those who walk in pride he is able to humble." V. 37

<sup>19</sup>Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was dismayed for a while, and his thoughts alarmed him. The king answered and said, "Belteshazzar, let not the dream or the interpretation alarm you." Belteshazzar answered and said, "My lord, may the dream be for those who hate you and its interpretation for your enemies! <sup>20</sup>The tree you saw, which grew and became strong, so that its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth... it is you, O king, ...

<sup>24</sup>this is the interpretation, O king: It is a decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king, <sup>25</sup>that you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. You shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and you shall be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.... <sup>27</sup>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."

<sup>28</sup>All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>29</sup>At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, <sup>30</sup>and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" <sup>31</sup>While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, <sup>32</sup>and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field...Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

<sup>34</sup>At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,

and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;

<sup>35</sup>all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"

<sup>36</sup>At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. <sup>37</sup>Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.