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UNCOMPROMISING FAITH



Part 4

Know Who Made You – Humility

Chapters 4 & 5

The background is a golden, textured surface with a subtle, embossed pattern. On the left side, there is a large, dark, stylized statue of a figure with a crown and a long, patterned robe, standing with arms crossed. In the center and right, there is a faint, golden cityscape or architectural scene with various structures, including a prominent multi-tiered building with columns and arches. The overall lighting is warm and golden, creating a sense of grandeur and ancient history.

Humility Boasts in God

Daniel 4:1-3

¹ “ King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you! ² It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. ³ How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.”



Recognize the Pit Falls of Success

Daniel 4:28-33

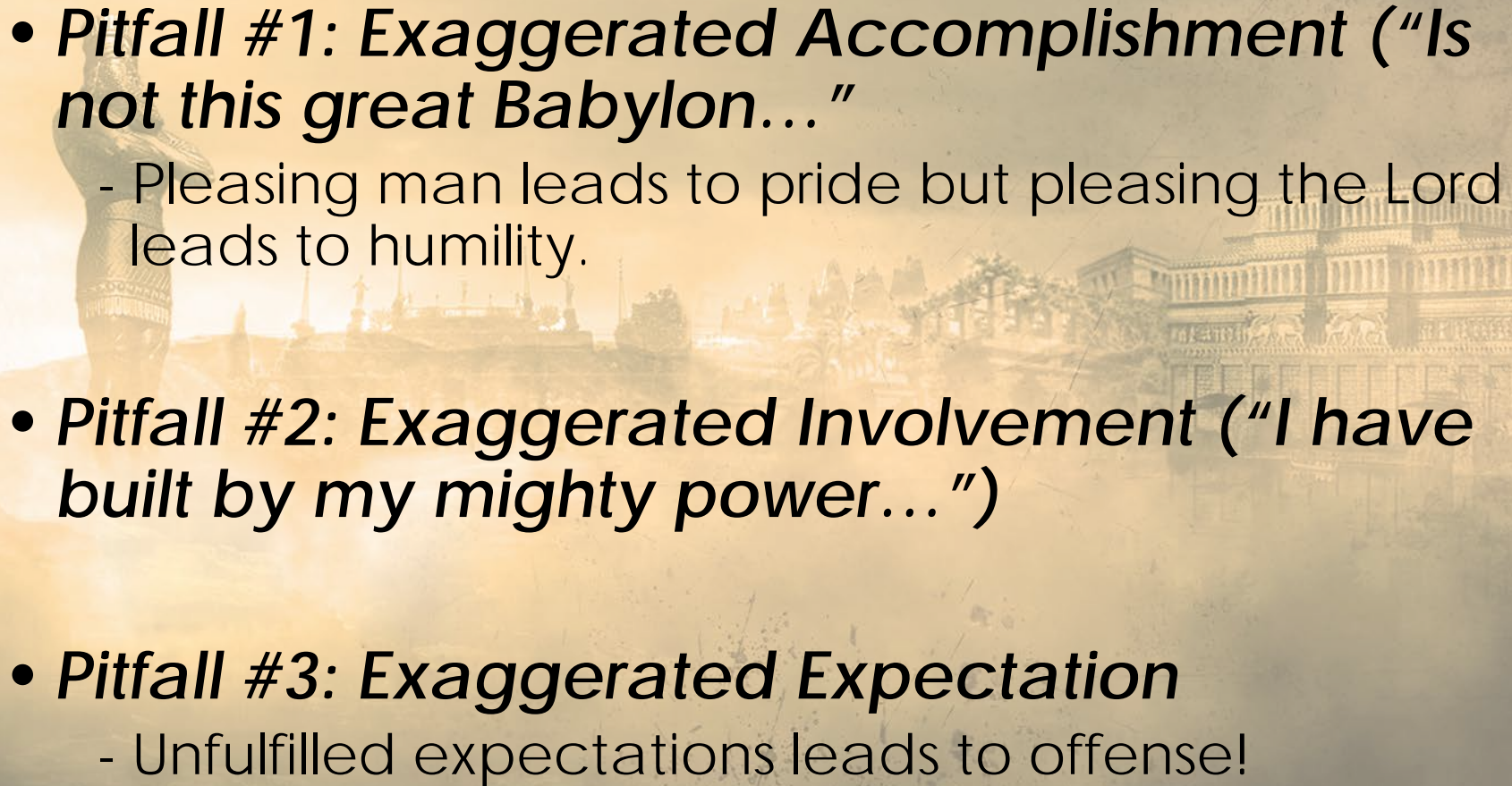
²⁸ All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ and the king answered and said, "***Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?***" ³¹ While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven,

Daniel 4:28-33

“O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, ³² and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, ***until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.***”

Daniel 4:28-33

³³ 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.

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- ***Pitfall #1: Exaggerated Accomplishment (“Is not this great Babylon...”)***
 - Pleasing man leads to pride but pleasing the Lord leads to humility.
 - ***Pitfall #2: Exaggerated Involvement (“I have built by my mighty power...”)***
 - ***Pitfall #3: Exaggerated Expectation***
 - Unfulfilled expectations leads to offense!



**God Opposes the Proud & Gives Grace to the
Humble**

Daniel 4:34-37

³⁴ 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; ³⁵all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,

Daniel 4:34-37

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?" ³⁶ ***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.***

Daniel 4:34-37

³⁷ 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.

1 Peter 5:5-7

⁵ Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “**God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.**” ⁶ **Humble yourselves,** therefore, under the mighty hand of God so **that at the proper time he may exalt you,** ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.



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