

Daniel 4:30-32,37

Our Heavenly Father is King!

The king reflected and said, "Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?" While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice from heaven saying, "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it has been declared: sovereignty has been removed from you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You will be given grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time will pass over you, until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes."

"Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

"The Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, and bestows it on whomever He wishes." My prayer is that the Holy Spirit would cause the meaning of these verses to penetrate our hearts as though we had never read them before because the clarity they shine forth about our Heavenly Father is beautiful to behold.

Now we live in a time where wickedness and rebellion against God seems to be at an all time high. People mock and curse God all day long with seemingly no adverse effects causing a pride and a hardening in their ways to continue to grow without hindrance. The hearts of men have become proud in their wicked ways but this does not mean that punish will never come. For Nebuchadnezzar it was the fateful day when his heart completely embraced magnifying himself above God. However, he was not actually above God for while he was still speaking God removed everything and sent him to the wilderness for seven years to learn his lesson. His closing words speak to the thoroughness of God's discipline. "Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and honor the King of heaven, for all His works are true and His ways just, and He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

Our God is in charge at all times no matter how far men may go in the elevation of themselves. We will never rise above God. He will always be the true King. He will always be on the throne. No matter how far we may try to run away from Him or pretend He doesn't exist, He will always be there. He is Lord and ruler of all and we are His creation. He created us, not to live in rebellion but to be men and women who could understand Him and truly be His friends. As Abraham's title was "A friend of God" so also does He want the same for each of us.

Where are we heading? Where are we running to? God has created us to be capable of being fit companions for Him. Why are we running from Him and ignoring Him or preferring to spend our lives pursuing anything else but Him? Why do we seek the comforts of this world continually over Him? Why do we spend our nights watching TV or on the computer instead of with Him? He desires to give us Himself but we choose His creations instead of Him. Which do you think is more valuable, a created thing or the one who created it? Just like being friends with Steve Jobs would be better than settling for his latest i-product. Because you know he is always going to come out with something better.

God is not done creating! He is always working on something even better! So let's stick with Him and let the old pass away as we do with every other invention of men. Our Heavenly Father truly is and always will be, "The King of King!"

God bless!