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# **Crazy About Myself**

## Daniel 4



“Pride is THE great sin. It is pride which has been the chief cause of misery in every nation and every family since the world began.”

C.S. Lewis

“At every stage of our Christian development and in every sphere of our Christian discipleship, pride is the greatest enemy and humility our greatest friend.”

John Stott



*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

James 4:6



*Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.*

Proverbs 16:18



*Those who walk in pride, God is able to humble.*

Daniel 4:37





**The insecurity of pride (4:4–27)**

**The humbling of pride (4:28–33)**

**The conversion of pride (4:34–37)**



## The insecurity of pride (vv.4–27)

*“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in my palace in comfort and prosperity. But one night I had a dream that frightened me; I saw visions that terrified me as I lay in my bed.”*



## The insecurity of pride (vv.4–27)

*“That tree Your Majesty is you...You will be driven from human society, and you will live in the fields with the wild animals. You will eat grass like a cow, and you will be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.”*



## The insecurity of pride (vv.4–27)

Interlude—Advising the proud

*“King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper.”*



## **The humbling of pride (vv. 28–33)**

*But all these things did happen to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later he was taking a walk on the flat roof of the royal palace in Babylon. As he looked out across the city, he said, “Look at this great city of Babylon! By my own mighty power, I have built this beautiful city as my royal residence to display my majestic splendor.”*



## The humbling of pride (vv. 28–33)

Interlude—Afflicting the proud

*While these words were still in his mouth, a voice called down from heaven, “O King Nebuchadnezzar, this message is for you! You are no longer ruler of this kingdom. You will be driven from human society. You will live in the fields with the wild animals, and you will eat grass like a cow. Seven periods of time will pass while you live this way, until you learn that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world and gives them to anyone he chooses.”*



## **The conversion of pride (vv.34–37)**

*“After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever... Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble the proud.”*

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