

“Humble Yourself, or Be Humbled”

Series: Different

Last few weeks:

- Focusing on the life of Daniel, who was extraordinarily able to remain faithful, pure [undefiled], and ‘different’ - set apart - in the unGodly culture
- Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego's devotion was to the Lord above anything else - no idols would they worship; not willing to bow down to lesser things, and they were willing to stand up for what is right, even if it meant suffering persecution...
- CAN'T HAVE biblical favor without biblical devotion!

Tension: Passage denotes we are to be Noticeably different & Humble, but bottomline, we're not; we're proud, self-absorbed and suck

Daniel 5:1-4

- Debauchery; desecration

Daniel 5:5-9

Daniel 5:10-12

- Daniel was ‘different’ and those around him could see that
 - He was different because of the Lord
 - Gifts of the Spirit
- Called to be in the world but not of the world
- Daniel is summoned into this scene of debauchery, he did not run from it, he influenced the world he lived in from the lens of God (feet of Jesus)

Daniel 5:13-14a (no, the Spirit of the One True God), 14b-17

[Daniel doesn't care in the least about what the king has to offer, just what The King would have him do. Doesn't want the king's gifts - he had been endowed with the Gifts of the Spirit.]

Daniel 5:18-22 [Kingdom principle: Humility] [Kingdom principle: Can only be held accountable for things that you know.]

- Pride/self-centeredness is at the root of all the ‘deadly sins’
- All comes back to self gratification
 - 7 deadly sins, the root of all is Pride=SELF
- Humility: having an honest understanding / assessment of one's own self-importance and one's need for Jesus
 - Humility by Andrew Murray:
 - Jesus let God be all - Jesus was entirely subordinate to the Father; pride is insubordination to God
 - Jesus became nothing, that God might be all
 - “It was through humility that Jesus was able to do all that He did, and endure all of what man did.”

Jesus gives us the example of how we are to live; we are to humble ourselves before God/Son/Spirit and be so ‘rooted in Him’ that God might be all in us and through us

- Not how we live

- There is a difference between not feeling pride is an issue and the acknowledgment we can do nothing apart from Jesus; it's not about you, and that you have to willfully seek to empty yourself
- You can humble yourself before God, or God will humble you
 - God's favor won't be on what we are doing
- James 4:6 (NIV)
6 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." (Proverbs 3:34)
- Good news, once Neb humbled himself he was restored - Daniel 4:34 - 37
- When we humble ourselves, we are Redeemed and Restored and God's favor can rest on our actions and desires for they are of him

Daniel 5:23-24

3 pronged violation:

- Disobedience / pride
- Desecrating vessels
- Worshipping idols and gods of

Daniel 5:25-27

- Measured in God's standard= weighed on scales
- We are all 'wanting' in need of Jesus
 - All fall short of the glory of God; all wanting; nothing we do is enough, all in need of Jesus' righteousness/redemption applied to us through faith
 - When die will be weighed
 - Name in the Book of Life
 - What we have done in this life weighed in the light of Christ

Daniel 5:28-31

Closing

- Salvation call: we've been weighed and found wanting
 - Humility
 - NOT sucking
 - Being different