

(sermon notes)

# Humble Yourself – or Be Humbled

Daniel 4

## The Testimony of the King

*“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.” (vv. 37)*

*“...for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.” (1 Peter 5:4-5)*

*“God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit therefore to God... Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.” (James 4:6-10)*

*“Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.” (Prov. 16:18)*

## Humbling Ourselves before the Lord means ...

### 1) Recognizing \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Know that the Lord Himself is God. It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.” (Ps. 100:3)*

*“...until you recognize that the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind and bestows it on whomever He wishes.” (Daniel 4:32)*

*“For His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven, and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, ‘What have you done?’” (Daniel 4:34-35)*

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### 2) Refusing \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, But to Your name give glory.” (Ps. 115:1)*

*“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?’” (Daniel 4:30)*

### 3) Repenting \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Therefore, O king, may my advice be pleasing to you; break away now from your sins...” (Daniel 4:27a)*

### 4) Refocusing \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...by doing righteousness and ... by showing mercy to the poor....” (Daniel 4:27b)*

### 5) Relying \_\_\_\_\_.

*“I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)*

### 6) Relinquishing \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But now, O Lord, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand.” (Isa. 64:8)*

### 7) Receiving \_\_\_\_\_.

*“...so I was reestablished in my sovereignty, and surpassing greatness was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt and honor the King of heaven....” (Daniel 4:36b-37a)*