



Asbury Church

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Sermon Notes

"A 'Three P' Person"

Daniel 5:17-20



I. Introduction

- A. Three P People have these three _____:
 - 1) Power.
 - 2) Prestige.
 - 3) Possessions.
- B. There are over three billion people in the world that would classify _____ as three P persons.

II. Nebuchadnezzar's Story

- A. Nebuchadnezzar was the _____ of Babylon from 605 BC – 562 BC.
- B. The Babylonians conquered Jerusalem and took the best and brightest back to Babylon including a man named _____.
- C. Daniel begs King Nebuchadnezzar to _____ of his sin or his dream will come true.
- D. What had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was immediately fulfilled when his _____ kept him from acknowledging God.
- E. The most powerful man on the planet is humbled by the King of Kings and he _____ and he is restored to the throne.
- F. The Babylonian Kingdom was ruled by _____ and Nabonidus after Nebuchadnezzar.
- G. Belshazzar did not learn the lesson from his _____ story.
- H. God's message to Belshazzar was - your days are numbered, you are accountable, and your power is _____.

III. Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar's story

- A. Remind your pride that everything _____ has given you is a stewardship, it's temporary and you are accountable for how you use it.
- B. When we have power, prestige, and possessions we should be _____ but not arrogant.

Things I would like to remember about this message

Asbury Daily Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

Maybe you're a "Three P" person—you have power, prestige, and possessions. You have influence. You are envied. People take you seriously because of what you've accomplished, what you look like, or who you're married to. There's nothing wrong with being a "Three P" person. But when it comes to pride, "Three P" people face a unique challenge.

Monday: Daniel 4:1-18

Nebuchadnezzar was a three 'P Person' just like there are 'three P' persons today. In what ways do you see power, prestige, and possessions abused in our culture? In what ways does that shape our cultural priorities?

Tuesday: Daniel 4:19-27

Nebuchadnezzar believed he was greater than all other people. What is one area in which you're regularly tempted to look down on others—education, possessions, physical appearance, influence, experience, intelligence? What is the cost of giving in to your pride?

Wednesday: Daniel 4:28-37

Nebuchadnezzar realized that all he had could be taken away from him. Think about the areas of your life where you have the most influence, power, and prestige. What would it look like for you to treat those areas like a temporary stewardship from God for which you are accountable?

Thursday: Daniel 5:1-8

In his arrogance, Belshazzar threw a party while the Persians were surrounding Babylon. He thought his city and his reign would last forever. Although he knew his grandfather's (Nebuchadnezzar) story, he learned nothing from it. Have you ever ignored advice from people who were older and more experienced than you? What were the results?

Friday: Daniel 5:9-28

God made it clear to Belshazzar that his days were numbered. What does it mean to you that God has numbered the days of your power, prestige, and possessions? To what extent does that principle currently influence the daily decisions you make?

MOVING FORWARD

When you see someone with less—less sophistication, intelligence, education, money, or influence—you're tempted to think more highly of yourself. Pause for a moment and tell your pride, "The Most High is sovereign over all the kingdoms." Remind your pride that everything God has given you is a stewardship. It's temporary. You are accountable for how you use it.

Answers to the sermon notes:

- IA) characteristics, B) us.
- IIA) king, B) Daniel, C) repent, D) pride, E) repents, F) Belshazzar, G) grandfather's, H) temporary.
- IIIA) God, B) grateful.