

Pride, Mercy & Humiliation

Daniel 4:19-37

Study Questions

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1. Knowing that you are exceptional in some way is not necessarily sinful. The sin of hubris or inordinate pride arises from our attitude toward our exceptionalism or excellence.
 - a. What is that sinful attitude? (Hint: check verse 30)
 - b. In what areas of our lives might we be capable of inordinate pride?
2. If we believe that we are superior in some area of our lives, what is the corollary belief about others and what are the possible relational consequences?
3. Where are the signs of mercy shown toward Nebuchadnezzar? (James mentioned 2)
 - a. In what key area in our lives is it so important for us to receive the mercy offered to us?
4. On humility:
 - a. What is true humility not?
 - b. What is true humility? (hint: vss 34-35)
 - c. How is true humility achieved?
 - d. What are the relational consequences of capturing a glimpse of God? (Hint: "We cannot truly adore God and disparage those created in God's image.")
 - e. Question for reflection: Where is it hardest for you to see the Image of God: yourself? The marginalized? Do your barriers have anything to do with one of the following: race, gender, status or creed?
5. What is God's endgame with our humbling or humiliation? (Hint: vss 36-37)