

Week 18
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Transforming Daily

“ . . . I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever . . . ”

Daniel 4:34

The story of Nebuchadnezzar in this text is, to say the least, weird. But the outcome is wonderful. God works in the life of Nebuchadnezzar by allowing him to live long enough (even longer than he should have) to experience His grace. Read the early account of Nebuchadnezzar, then read this passage and see how God changed His life. Notice also the progression of events that brings Nebuchadnezzar to understand that, “No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, ‘What have you done (v.35)?’”

Scripture is very clear that God moves according to His good pleasure to accomplish what it is He wants to accomplish. For the unbeliever (and for that matter, at times, even for believers) it means they will experience some form or level of confrontation. God’s grace overshadows every circumstance. His unconditional love extends beyond any human understanding and all reason.

If it wasn’t for the grace of God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, there would be no salvation, sanctification or glorification. The cross is all about confrontation. Nebuchadnezzar, like the rest of us, was born with the need for the forgiveness of sin. God brought him face to face, with this reality. As a result, Nebuchadnezzar confessed God’s sovereignty, power, righteousness and majesty.

Did Nebuchadnezzar get saved? I don’t know. I would like to think so, and I believe that he did, but only he and God know whether Nebuchadnezzar was born again. What I do know according to this passage is that having experienced God’s grace he was moved to genuine praise.

The more immediate question is, “Are you saved?” If you are saved, are you sharing the message of salvation with others? Do you share in the same testimony with Nebuchadnezzar regarding the sovereignty, power and unconditional love of God? Can you join him in saying, “I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever?”