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Daniel 3:1

“Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold...” Daniel 3:1

And so, a truth of great proportion is twisted and perverted! Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, interpreted by Daniel, now becomes the impetus for the construction of a great idol. Pride is blind to genuine truth of its application. Pride sees only that which encourages and supports its delusion of self. “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6).

The pride of man is never a solitary sin. By this we mean that men’s pride, by its very nature of personal exaltation, must elevate itself over others! To one without much authority or power or position, such elevation may be in their mind’s eye alone; it is a delusion - but to one, such as a king, employer, politician or minister, such a platform may offer a literal and very real power over the lives of others!

The king, now in his haughtiness, demands the people’s vicarious worship through this idol. Guard your heart from the evils of pride. Subtle thoughts and secret confidences may attempt to con you into exalting yourself over others. The Spirit of the Lord will always lead you into the place where you can choose the lowly estate of the Saviour. Any other place may lead to your undoing.

“Remember my son, “the safest place is the lowest place.” Always allow the Lord an opportunity to exalt you – don’t do it yourself! Be content and ever look to the Lord.”

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