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Daniel 4:37

“Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the King of Heaven, all whose works are truth, and His ways justice; and those that walk in pride He is able to abase.”
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Let’s briefly trace this Babylonian king’s pilgrimage to – if not faith in the LORD God – at least his humbling and acknowledgement that the LORD is God!

We begin knowing that he is an idolater. He is a worshipper of false gods and He has brought his plunder from the various nations of the world, as well as from Israel to the temples of his gods. (Daniel 1:2).

Next we observe that when Daniel recounts Nebuchadnezzar’s dream to him and informs him that his God given ability to interpret dreams – a gift that comes from the only true and living God – Nebuchadnezzar though acknowledging the LORD, bows down to Daniel. (Daniel 2:46 – 47).

Then after Daniel’s ministry to the king in the name of the LORD, Nebuchadnezzar proceeds to fashion an idol and demand all his subjects to worship it. It is while the three Hebrew children are in the fire that the king sees the Son of God and then readily proclaims the LORD as the Most High GOD. (Daniel 3:29 – 4:3).

Yet, even all of this fails to bring Nebuchadnezzar to a personal faith in Yahweh. Another dream and Daniel’s interpretation reveals the heights of Nebuchadnezzar’s pride and the drastic measures required to reach his heart. Only after Nebuchadnezzar goes insane and wanders for years in the wilderness, does he come to his senses, and like the prodigal son, comes home to the father.

And what of you dear friend? Won’t you humble yourself and come to the Lord Jesus Christ now or must you like Nebuchadnezzar, endure great trials that your pride might be broken? Is it not better and far wiser to yield to the kindness of God rather than face the breaking of your pride by external means? “And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.” (Matthew 21:44).

It’s your call.

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