

Kingdom Authority

Daniel 4

Application: Tell your story of God's salvation. Tell it to your children, to your grandchildren, to your neighbors, to your co-workers, to everyone!

Principle: Do not look for wisdom to help you with life problems among those who refuse to acknowledge the LORD as God.

Truth: We need more faithful servants of God willing to speak His truth to a prideful world.

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"do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." (2 Peter 3:8-9 ESV)

"What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?" (1 Corinthians 4:7 ESV)

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV)

Three Redeeming Actions of God

Action #1: In His grace, God meets us.

Application: When the LORD visits us, let us open the door to Him and not shut Him out.

Truth: We wait on the LORD in prayer asking Him to meet our friends and family who are far from God. We KNOW that God in grace meets rebellious people with a purpose to save them. Let us wait on the LORD for that!!

Action #2: In our pride, God defeats us.

Truth: The LORD will not allow our pride to prevail.

“The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.” (Revelation 9:20-21 ESV)

Action #3: In His love, God completes us.

Truth: God’s intention is not to deplete our lives of meaning, but to complete our lives and fill them with meaning.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV)