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“Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar” (2)

“It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation.”

(Daniel 4:2-3)

Lesson #1: Ease Breeds Disease – 4/10/11

Lesson #2: Revelation – Response = Rough Treatment

Daniel 4:20-22, 27, 33 – (20) “The tree you saw, which grew and became strong, so that its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the end of the whole earth, (21) whose leaves were beautiful and its fruit abundant, and in which was food for all, under which beasts of the field found shade, and in whose branches the birds of the heavens lived— (22) *it is you, O king*, who have grown and become strong. Your greatness has grown and reaches to heaven, and your dominion to the ends of the earth. (27) Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

(33) “...the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles’ feathers, and his nails were like birds’ claws.”

The Wise Response to Revelation

2 Samuel 11:25-27, 12:1,7, 13 – (25) “David said to the messenger, ‘Thus shall you say to Joab, ‘Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.’ And encourage him.’ (26) When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. (27) And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. **But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.** (1) And the LORD sent Nathan to David. (7) Nathan said to David, ‘*You are the man!*’ Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.’ (13) David said to Nathan, ‘**I have sinned against the LORD.**”

Key Point: Respond to Revelation with Spiritual CPR

Confession

Penitence

Renewal

The Idiots' Response to Revelation

2 Chronicles 16:7-10 – (7) “At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, ‘Because you relied on the king of Syria, and did not rely on the LORD your God, the army of the king of Syria has escaped you. (8) Were not the Ethiopians and the Libyans a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet because you relied on the LORD, he gave them into your hand. (9) For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.’ (10) *Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in the stocks in prison, for he was in a rage with him because of this. And Asa inflicted cruelties upon some of the people at the same time.*”

Response:

Am I content with my own perspectives or do I seek revelation?

“Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment. A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.” (Proverbs 18:1-2)

Do I habitually store up revelation for times of need?

“Wise men store up knowledge...” (Proverbs 10:14 *NASB*)