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“Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar” (3)

“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 – 5/15/11

Lesson #3: Replace Sin with Goodness

Daniel 4:27 – “Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: **break off your sins** (*offences*) **by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities** (*perversness*) **by showing mercy to the oppressed**, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

Replacement Therapy

Ephesians 4:17-24 – (17) “Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. (18) They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. (19) They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. (20) But that is not the way you learned Christ!— (21) assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, (22) **to put off your old self**, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, (23) and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, (24) **and to put on the new self**, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Key Point: Replace the Old Life with New Life & Habits

Practicing Righteousness – Help Yourself

2 Peter 1:10-11 – (10) “Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, **for if you practice these qualities** you will never fall. (11) For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

Show Mercy – Help Others

Acts 10:38 – “how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. *He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil*, for God was with him.”

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Is there an attitude or behavior that God has convicted me of that I need to ‘put off’? What can I replace it with?

Is God into replacement therapy? (Is. 61:3, 7)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)