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## **“Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar” (5)**

*“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!” (Daniel 4:2-3a)*

*“Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish.” (Psalm 49:12)*

### **Lesson #5: Without God I Become a Driven Beast**

**Daniel 4:16, 33-34** – (16) “Let his mind be changed from a man’s, and let a beast’s mind be given to him; and let seven periods of time pass over him.

(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. (34) At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever...”

<b>Key Point: Departure from God leads to Savagery</b>
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### **The End of Apostasy**

**Luke 15:11-16** – (11) “And (*Jesus*) said, ‘There was a man who had two sons.

(12) And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them.

(13) Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. (14)

And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. (15) So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. (16) And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.”

### **Sign of the End Times**

**2 Timothy 3:1-4** – (1) “But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. (2) For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, (3) heartless (*hard hearted towards kindred*), unappeasable (*unwilling to sacrifice*), slanderous, without self-control, brutal (*fierce, savage*), not loving good, (4) treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God”

**Response:**

**Draw close to the One Who keeps us from going savage**

**“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded...Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” (James 4:8, 10)**

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