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## **“Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar” (6)**

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”  
(Jeremiah 17:9)*

### **Lesson #6: God is the Most High/I am ‘Most Low’**

**Daniel 4:2** – “It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the **Most High God** has done for me.”

**Daniel 4:14-17** – (14) “He proclaimed aloud and said thus: ‘Chop down the tree and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it and the birds from its branches. (15) But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, bound with a band of iron and bronze, amid the tender grass of the field. Let him be wet with the dew of heaven. Let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth. (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. (17) The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, **to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.**”

**Daniel 4:34-35** – (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, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; (35) **all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing**, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”

**Key Point: Only Those Who Know They are Low can Grow**

### **The Model for Exaltation**

**Philippians 2:5-9** – (5) “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, (6) who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, (7) but **made himself nothing**, taking the form of a servant, being **born in the likeness of men**. And being found in human form, (8) he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (9) Therefore God has highly exalted him...”

## **Daily Exercise for Exaltation**

**1 Peter 5:6-7** – (6) “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, (7) casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”

### **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Am I too preoccupied with myself?

Is my self-preoccupation characterized by self-love, self-loathing or both?

Do I pursue my own self exaltation, or God’s ways of self exaltation?

Do I tend to highly regard people? (Ps. 118:8-9)

### **Past Lessons:**

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

**Lesson #2: Revelation – Response = Rough Treatment** – 5/15/11

**Lesson #3: Replace Evil with Goodness** – 6/12/11

**Lesson #4: The Influential do not Fall Alone** – 6/19/11

**Lesson #5: Without God I’m a *Driven Beast*** – 6/26/11

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)