"Lessons from Nebuchadnezzar" (9)

"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 #9: Praise the Lord instead of Focusing on Fictions

<u>Daniel 4:37</u> – "<u>Now</u> I, Nebuchadnezzar, <u>praise and extol and honor the King of heaven</u>, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble."

VERSUS

<u>Daniel 4:30</u> – "... Nebuchadnezzar said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

Key Point: Praise Raises the Doubt Ceiling

Deliverance from Fear

<u>Psalm 34:1-5, 8</u> – (1) "<u>I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth</u>. (2) My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. (3) Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together! (4) I sought the LORD, and he answered me and <u>delivered me</u> <u>from all my fears</u>. (5) Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. (8) Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!"

Deliverance from False Securities

<u>Psalm 146:1-4</u> – (1) "Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! (2) I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. (3) Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. (4) When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish."

Deliverance from Oppression

<u>Psalm 149:5-9</u> - (5) "Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. (6) Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, (7) to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, (8) to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, (9) to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!"

Response:

(1) Honor him in your Heart

"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."
(Mark 12:30)

(2) Extol Him in Your Mind

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:1-2)

(3) Praise with your lips

"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name."
(Hebrews 13:15)

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

Lesson #6: God is the Most High/I am 'Most Low' - 7/10/11

Lesson #7: Those who walk in pride, God will Humble - 7/17/11

Lesson #8: God is into Restoration – 8/7/11