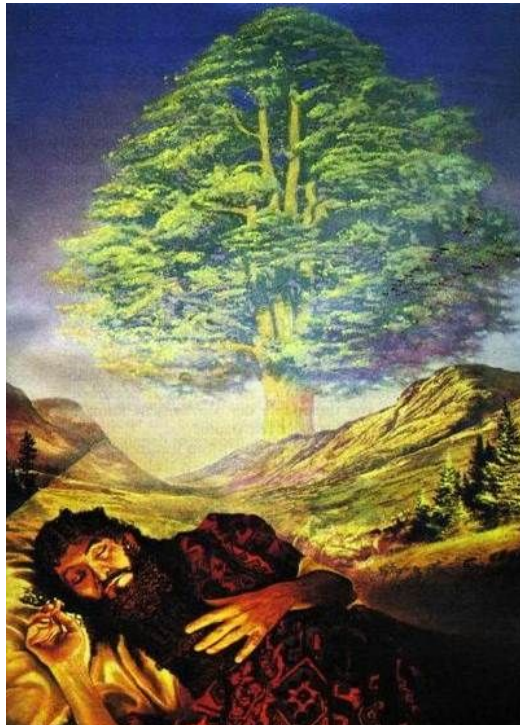


Daniel: Clinging to God in a Godless World

Lesson 3: Popping Pride and Pointing to God

Daniel 4

Daniel 4:1-18



Read Daniel 4:19-27

Discuss the following questions with the people at your table and be ready to share some thoughts with everyone else.

1. Sharing bad news with someone, especially someone in a position of authority over you, is never easy. What are some possible reasons for why Daniel spoke the unpleasant truth to King Nebuchadnezzar?
2. Apply: Your friend says to you: "I don't understand why God makes such a big deal about pride. Pride doesn't hurt anyone like stealing or murder. Pride can even be a good thing! After all, we're proud to be Americans, right? We're proud of our children's accomplishments. How would you respond?"

Read Daniel 4:28-37

3. What are some things we can learn about pride from King Nebuchadnezzar?
4. Defend this statement: Pride is so dangerous because it is a sin against the first commandment.
5. Do you see humility or repentance as more helpful for fighting against pride? Be prepared to defend your answer.
6. Agree or Disagree? If Christians do not humble themselves, God will humble them.

Taking It Home

What are some practical steps we can take to guard against pride in...

Our jobs?

Our homes?

Our church?

