



## **THE DEVOTED LIFE OF DANIEL** **“The Most High Is Sovereign” Daniel 4:1-37**

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No matter how high a person may be elevated, no matter how celebrated a person may be, that person must sooner or later come to terms with the fact that the Lord is the Most High. Like Nebuchadnezzar, everybody needs to hear Him say, “I’m God, and you’re not!”

### **I. The Most High Is Glorious. vv. 1-3, 34-37**

- A. Nebuchadnezzar’s experience confirms God’s Word. See Psalm 145:13
- B. Nebuchadnezzar’s enthusiasm proclaims God’s worth widely. v. 3
  - 1. His dominion is illimitable. v. 34
  - 2. His power is irresistible. v. 35a
  - 3. His wisdom is irrefutable. v. 35b
  - 4. His righteousness is irreproachable. v. 37
  - 5. His justice is impeccable. v. 37

### **II. The Most High Is Gracious. vv. 4-33**

- A. Gracious to warn of impending judgment.
  - 1. The warning is initiated by God’s grace not the king’s interest. v. 4
  - 2. The warning is presented in arresting and dramatic form.
    - a. Alarming vision. vv. 5-16
    - b. Strong proclamation. v. 17
    - c. Sensitive application. vv. 19-26
    - d. Clear instruction. v. 27
  - 3. The warning went unheeded for twelve months. v. 29
    - a. Unchanged arrogance—“my mighty power...glory of my majesty.”
    - b. Unheeded patience. See 2 Peter 3:9
- B. Gracious to explain His actions. v. 17
  - 1. His actions sometimes must be forceful to get attention.
  - 2. His intentions are that we should know who He is—“The Most High.”
- C. Gracious to work with us where we are.
  - 1. Nebuchadnezzar’s roller coaster spirituality. See Chapters 2-3
  - 2. Nebuchadnezzar’s reluctance to acknowledge the Lord—“my god.” v. 8

### **III. The Most High Is Generous.**

- A. When we lift our eyes to heaven, He generously restores our sanity! v. 34
- B. When our sanity is restored, He generously returns our true honor and splendor!
- C. When we humble ourselves, He generously raises us higher than before. v. 36
- D. When our—pride is dealt with, He generously accepts our praise and worship. v. 37

**Points to Ponder:** “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5