

PRIDE

A. **Definition:** Pride is the refusal to depend on God or to obey Him but instead, it attributes to oneself the honor due only God. Pride, then, is the very root and essence of sin.

B. Nebuchadnezzar:

1. Daniel 4:1-27

- a. In one sentence, state what kind of man was Nebuchadnezzar .
- b. Again in one sentence, describe Belshazzar. (Daniel)
- c. What did the dream of Nebuchadnezzar mean? (Daniel 4:25)
- d. Why would God punish Nebuchadnezzar?
- e. How could he escape this punishment? (Daniel 4:27)

2. Daniel 4:28-33

- a. What was Nebuchadnezzar doing as he walked in the palace? (vs. 28-30)
- b. Why would God care if Nebuchadnezzar took all the credit for his kingdom?
- c. Do you feel his punishment was too great compared with his crime?
- d. Why does pride offend God?
- e. How does pride harm us?

3. Daniel 4:34-37

- a. How did Nebuchadnezzar respond to his punishment?
- b. List the ways Nebuchadnezzar now ascribes glory and honor to God. (Vs. 34-37)
- c. List all the ways he now describes his relationship to God.
- d. Contrast the use of "I" in vs. 30 with vs. 37. What is the difference?
- e. From this difference, summarize what Nebuchadnezzar learned from his experience about God, about himself, and the true danger of pride.
- f. How does pride commonly express itself in the Christian life?