

“THRIVING IN TRYING TIMES” Series

Message #4 of 6

“When You Think You Are Pretty Hot Stuff”

God is king of all the universe and you, and embracing this God and truth gives us all the strength, courage, and comfort we need to face any challenge.

Psalm 46 & Daniel 4 / July 22, 2018

“Be still, and know that **I am God**; **I will** be exalted among **the nations**, **I will** be exalted in **the earth**.” - Psalm 46:10

1. KING NEB’S DECLARATION – GOD IS GREAT

“It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.” – v.2

- “God ... who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever.” - 1st Tim. 6:15-16

2. KING NEB’S EXPERIENCE – THE KING IS NOT GOD

“Cut down the tree ... so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign ...” – v.14, 17

- “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” – James 4:6

3. DANIEL’S ADVICE – GET A CLUE, O KING

- A. “Renounce your sins by doing what is right.” – v.27b
- B. “Renounce your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed.” – v.27c
- C. “Acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign.” – v.17, 25, 32
- “Do not be wise in your own eyes, fear the Lord.” – Proverbs 3:7

4. KING NEB’S FALL – I THINK I’M SOVEREIGN

“Is this not the great Babylon I have build as the royal residence, by my might power and for the glory of my majesty?” – v.30

- King Herod – “Because Herod did not give praise to God, an angel of the Lord struck him down, and he was eaten by worms and died.” – Acts 12:23
- Elijah & Jezebel – “If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” – 1st Kings 18:21
- Satan – “You said in your heart, I will raise my throne above the stars of God.” – Isaiah 14:13

5. KING NEB’S REALIZATION – GOD IS SOVEREIGN

“Until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign ...” – v.32

- Angels in Heaven Proclaim – “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” – Rev. 4:11

6. KING NEB’S RESTORATION – GOD IS PRAISED

“I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored.” – v.34

- Renounce the sin of thinking you are God
- Humble yourself and be kind to the oppressed
- Acknowledge that God is the most high
- Surrender my insecurities of the past, present & future
- Release my life to the God who has full control