

# How are the Mighty Fallen

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Daniel 4.

B. Pride is destructive.

C. Pride puts self above God. God resists it. (Proverbs 21:4; 6; 16:5; 8:13; 16:18; 29:23; 11:2; Jeremiah 49:16; James 4:16; Acts 12:23; Jeremiah 13; Romans 1)

D. Nebuchadnezzar is converted through a dream—his pride is broken.

## II. Reception of the dream. Nebuchadnezzar knew that God was holy and recognized his Spirit in Daniel.

## III. Revelation of the dream.

A. The stump that was protected symbolized a man.

B. The point of the dream is to show that God rules and gives power to whom he will.

## IV. Recitation of the dream. Daniel was disturbed because of his compassion towards Nebuchadnezzar. We should have this kind of compassion.

## V. Realization of the dream.

A. Nebuchadnezzar is completely humiliated, but there is hope.

B. After Nebuchadnezzar learns his lesson, he will have the opportunity to be restored. (Isaiah 55:7)

C. Nebuchadnezzar was a merciless king, but God gave him a second chance.

D. Nebuchadnezzar refused to repent after all of this.

E. God gave Nebuchadnezzar a year to change, but he did not.

## VI. Restoration.

A. Nebuchadnezzar lifted his eyes to heaven and was restored.

B. God will humble every man some day.

C. It is best to receive God in humility while there is still time.

Application questions

1. How have you seen pride in your own life?
2. How is Daniel a model of compassion even to the worst of people? Why does this demonstrate humility?
3. In what ways does this scene demonstrate the extent of God's mercy? Explain.