

“Heaven Rules”
Killin’ It, Part 2
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This series is about that thing in us that has the potential to **KILL** us and everything **GOOD** around us – we are talking about **PRIDE**

We must take back the **REMOTE CONTROL** from pride in our life and give it to Jesus

“Three-P” people have these characteristics: an above average measure of **POWER**, **PRESTIGE**, and **POSSESSIONS**

Three-P people have a **UNIQUE** challenge when it comes to **PRIDE**

There are billions of people in the world today that would look at you and say, you have an **ENVIABLE** life and **LIFESTYLE**

King Nebuchadnezzar’s Story

In **605** BC the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar conquered Judah and it’s capital city, Jerusalem

Daniel 2:46-47 (NIV) “⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him.⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, ‘Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.’”

After Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego walk out **ALIVE** from the fiery furnace, King Nebuchadnezzar said,...

Daniel 3:28-29 (NIV) “²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, ‘Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent His angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in Him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way.’”

Approximately **580** BC King Nebuchadnezzar has another dream & a messenger from God says,...

Daniel 4:17 (NIV) “...the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes...”

Daniel 4:24-25 (NIV) “²⁴ “This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵ You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.”

God wanted Nebuchadnezzar to recognize he was a king, but not **THE KING** – Almighty **GOD** is **Daniel 4:26** (NIV) “The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.”

Daniel begs the king to repent of his improper **ATTITUDE** and his improper **TREATMENT** of the **POOR** people in his kingdom

Daniel 4:27 (NIV) “Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

Daniel 4:29-32 (NIV) “²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, ‘Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?’

³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, ‘This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

Because King Nebuchadnezzar’s royal authority was taken from him, that means somebody **GAVE** it to

him. It was a **STEWARDSHIP**; it’s **TEMPORARY**

Daniel 4:33-34 (NIV) “Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified Him who lives forever.”

Daniel 4:37 (NIV) “Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything He does is right and all His ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble.”

Exodus 20:4 (NIV) “[God said] You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.”

Daniel 5:5-6 (NIV) “⁵Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.”

Daniel 5:18, 20-23 (NIV) “¹⁸“Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor.. But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like the ox; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone He wishes. But you, Belshazzar, his descendant have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. ²³Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven.”

Daniel 5:23-28 (NIV) “...You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in His hand your life and all your ways. ²⁴Therefore He sent the hand that wrote the inscription. ²⁵“This is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PERES ²⁶Here is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. ²⁷*Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. ²⁸*Parsin*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Daniel 5:30 (NIV) “That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, & Darius the Mede took over the kingdom.”

What Does This Mean For Us? With Our 3 P's (power, prestige & possessions)

We need to remember that every single day is a **STEWARDSHIP**

We are managing something we didn't create & will not hold on to forever because it is

TEMPORARY

We must not forget, we are **ACCOUNTABLE** to **GOD** because “the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.”

I am going to be **GRATEFUL**, but I'm not going to be **ARROGANT**

Realize what God has placed in your hands temporarily is to accomplish what **HE** wants **ACCOMPLISHED** so you don't get all caught up in what **YOU** want accomplished

Perhaps I am a king in the eyes of somebody, but I am not the **KING OF KINGS**; therefore I'm **KILLIN'** it (my pride)

My Next Step Today Is...

- I acknowledge today that I am just a manager of all God has entrusted to me
- I will seek to use what God has entrusted to me to accomplish His purposes & not just mine
- I/we plan to attend “All About New Hope in 30 Minutes” on Sun, Oct 7th at 12:45 PM
- I am interested in being baptized at the first ever baptismal held on our campus on Sun, Oct 14th

Next week: Join us as we talk about the “Known Survivor.” Invite a friend!