

Whose Glory do You Reflect?

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Daniel 4

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- Daniel explains the dream 20-26
- Daniel pleads Neb to turn from his ways & repent to God 27
 - God is a God of mercy who hears repentant hearts
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What Happens When You Ignore God 28-33

- King Nebuchadnezzar ignored and did nothing for a year 29
- Spoke & thought pridefully - "I built this..." 30
- Gods judgment 31-33 for not acknowledging the Most High
- Pride - *Isa 14:14* - "*I will make myself like the Most High*" Gen 3:4-5
- We want to be in control & not acknowledge God, the Most High
- Mankind is warned Roman 1:18-23
- God gave Neb over, not just a random punishment Rm 1:24,26,28
- Progression:
 - 24 uncleanness
 - 26 dishonorable passions
 - 28 debased or reprobate mind
- Demonstrated over & over in history & now this country:
 - sexual revolution - threw off God's design of sex within marriage
 - homosexual revolution - sex among those not designed to fit
 - identity revolution - refuse to accept God's gender identity

Be God's Image-Bearer 34-37

- We were created to glorify God
 - Isa 43:7; Ps 86:12; Rm 15:9; 1 Cor 6:20; 10:31
- Lucifer (light-bringing) rebelled in doing what he was created to do: reflect God's glory Ezek 28:11-19
- Let us EMBRACE our role as Image-bearers who glorify God alone!
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