

DANIEL 4

The Most High Rules

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DISCUSSION questions

1. Think of a time when you had a strong sense God was directing the details of your life. What was that like for you? What were the circumstances shaping that season?
2. Carefully read Daniel 4:17, 25 & 32. There is an important theme running through each of these verses—something regarding God. How might you correlate that theme with the current political climate in the United States?
3. It is easy to see in Daniel 4:27 wise counsel for any ruler. But in what way is Daniel 4:27 instructive to you personally? What might it look like, for instance, for you to be “showing mercy to the oppressed?”
4. King Nebuchadnezzar lifted his eyes to heaven and humbled himself before God who was disciplining him (cp. Daniel 4:34). Take time to thoughtfully read Hebrews 12:11. In what ways has God’s discipline in your own life helped you mature as a disciple of Jesus?
5. Daniel 4, in many ways, is a very personal story of how God has changed one man’s life. Take some time right now and write out on one page the story of how God has changed your life, giving attention to the reality your sin and the power of God’s mercy through Jesus Christ. Share that story with those around you.

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Next Week: Daniel 5: Don’t Linger When God Points His Finger, Pastor Matthew St. John