

**Title: Warning Danger Ahead - Daniel 4 28-37**

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**Read:**

<sup>8-30</sup> All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Just twelve months later, he was walking on the balcony of the royal palace in Babylon and boasted, "Look at this, Babylon the great! And I built it all by myself, a royal palace adequate to display my honor and glory!" <sup>31-32</sup> The words were no sooner out of his mouth than a voice out of heaven spoke, "This is the verdict on you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your kingdom is taken from you. You will be driven out of human company and live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like an ox. The sentence is for seven seasons, enough time to learn that the High God rules human kingdoms and puts whomever he wishes in charge." <sup>33</sup> It happened at once. Nebuchadnezzar was driven out of human company, ate grass like an ox, and was soaked in heaven's dew. His hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a hawk. <sup>34-35</sup> "At the end of the seven years, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked to heaven. I was given my mind back and I blessed the High God, thanking and glorifying God, who lives forever: "His sovereign rule lasts and lasts, his kingdom never declines and falls. Life on this earth doesn't add up to much, but God's heavenly army keeps everything going. No one can interrupt his work, no one can call his rule into question." <sup>36-37</sup> "At the same time that I was given back my mind, I was also given back my majesty and splendor, making my kingdom shine. All the leaders and important people came looking for me. I was reestablished as king in my kingdom and became greater than ever. And that's why I'm singing—I, Nebuchadnezzar—singing and praising the King of Heaven: "Everything he does is right, and he does it the right way. He knows how to turn a proud person into a humble man or woman."

**Think:**

Well he can't say he wasn't warned can he? Previous to this reading Daniel had interpreted a dream for the king warning that if he didn't buck up his attitude then he was for the high jump. But oh no King dumbo just ignored the warning and actually started boasting even more how great he was. Have you ever ignored a warning from God? I'm reminded of the scene in the film Bruce Almighty when he is asking God for a sign and a truck with a load of signs pulls out in front of him. The signs all point in one direction, but Bruce is so busy slagging God off that he misses the warnings and crashes his car. Yep that would be me, some times I am so busy running around wondering what God would have me do, that I miss the signs and crash my life. How about you? So what should the king have done? What should I do? What should you do? Perhaps we should just slow down, let our foot off the accelerator peddle for a while and wait. No need to text our mates straight away, no need to turn on the TV, the minute we get in. No need to jump onto the computer the second we have a spare minute. Maybe we could take a moment to wait on God and see if he has sent us a sign. Here's a revolutionary idea, we could even ask him to speak to us, and then sit silent for a while so that we don't miss it, when he does.

**Pray:**

Lord I am sorry when I have not allowed you time to speak to me. Please do speak to me today. Amen.

**Action:**

How about just sitting quietly for a few minutes? Cheerio.