

Spiritual Amnesia

(Daniel 4:28-37)

In Daniel 4:28-37 King Nebacnezzar sets a prime example of what can happen when we find ourselves prone to Spiritual Amnesia. The king was boastful and prided himself on "His" accomplishments, taking the credit for all things under him. He forgot it was the Lord who gave him the strength, knowledge, and even his very breath. He did thank God or acknowledge Him as his creator, provider, healer, strength, or guide. He put himself ahead of God. God in turn stuck him with insanity causing him to graze with cows. He brought him low to humble him, to get his memory back on where it belonged, on the fact that God created him and it was because of him that he even had the position of king. After seven years of grazing with cows, the king finally humbled himself and remembered the creator, who gave him not only the position of king but created him in His image. Nebacnezzar remembered who he was gave thanks to God and put his pride aside. He was humble. Afterwards, God restored the king to his position and blessed him. The king never again forgot it was the Lord who deserves the honor and glory not man.

Like the king, how often have we caught Spiritual Amnesia? Forgetting that it is because of God that we have the things, positions, strength, knowledge, and talents that we have. How boastful are we that it is because of us that this or that thing was possible? If we are honest with ourselves, this is the very reason some of us are now in the humbling position we are in. God is trying to get our attention back on Him, trying to get us to remember who we are and where we come from. We are children of God and we come from His image. He deserves the praise, honor, and glory for all that we have, all that we know and all we can do. We must humble ourselves before God exalting Him, not self.

Many of have prolonged Amnesia lasting more than 7 years, refuse to give God the credit we want the honor and glory yet until we give honor and glory to its rightful owner we will remain in this state. To get out of this state we must remember without God we are nothing.