

“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 4:27)



Daniel said this advice to King Nebuchadnezzar who saw a dream from the Lord warning him about the coming event in his life. He narrated the dream to Daniel: “In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. He called in a loud voice: ‘Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field. “Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven, and let him live with the animals among the plants of the earth. Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let him be given the mind of an animal, till seven times pass by for him.” (Daniel 4:13-16)

Daniel interpreted the dream to King Nebuchadnezzar as following: “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

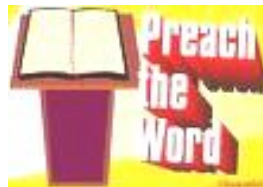
wishes.”²⁶ The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules.” (Daniel 4:25-26) It seems that God was announcing judgment against the wicked acts of the king. So Daniel took a bold stand and face the king with the truth that would be happening as a result of the king sins, and it is God’s judgment and justice. Daniel advice the king to observe the following:

1- Renounce your sins by doing what is right: True repentance proof by bearing fruit goes along repentance.

2- Renounce your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed: Daniel pointed to the king his sins being abusive to the poor and needy. To some people to abuse the poor and oppressed is not a sin, but it is a grievous sin in God’s sight.

3- Your prosperity will continue: We preach and assure that God’s blessing is to those who repent.

Let us take heed from the message and stand firm to warn people and admonish them to repent and renounce all their sins.



My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to be open and honest in saying the truth in love and to admonish the people and to the point; instructing them in the way of the truth. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.



“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

(1 John 1:9)

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“Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.”

(Ephesians 4:15)