

WHY GOD BROUGHT DOWN NEBUCHADNEZZAR  
Two Remedies For Pride  
Part 5  
Dan. 5:17-22

## INTRODUCTION

The issue of self-concept is a huge factor in human behavior. Many crimes have been committed based upon this topic. Also, many so-called dreams have been side-tracked due to a “so called” low self-concept. In the world, a lofty view of self is lauded as the ultimate answer to achievement. The believer, however, is to operate atypical of the world when it comes to this topic. Scripture encourages a mindset of humility and submission as an operating system for the believer in this life. We will see that is this method of operation that allows the believer accomplish God’s desirous will for his life.

### I. HUMILITY IS A KEY COMPONENT IN THE BELIEVER AVOIDING PRIDE.

A. There are ten Old Testament words translated humility; two prominent uses are:

1. The verb “*anah*” in the Hebrew and is defined as “**to make low by oppression.**” -- Wilson’s Old Testament Word Studies cf. Ex. 10:3 (of Pharaoh)
2. The noun “*shapal*” is used to note “to be low in a situation, in mind, in condition or in any other respect.” -- Wilson’s Old Testament Word Study cf. Is. 57:15
3. Daniel urged Nebuchadnezzar to humble himself lest he faced divine punishment. Dan. 4:27
  - a) “Counsel” is “*melak*” --”in the sense of consultation; advice: - counsel.” -- Strong’s lexicon
  - b) “Acceptable” is “*shefar*” --”**to be beautiful; be acceptable, please, think good.**” Dan. 6:1
  - c) Daniel appeals to Nebuchadnezzar to “break off” -- “*perak*” -- ”to tear away, break off” -- BDB cf.
    - (1) Your “sins” -- “*chatiy*” cf. Dan. 9:16, 24 -- “*Tsidqâh*” -- by doing right.
    - (2) Your “iniquities” “*lvyah*” --perverseness by “showing mercy” to the poor (
  - d) Nebuchadnezzar is promised a lengthening of days if he yielded. Vs. 27
    - (1) “Lengthening” is “*arkaw*” -- “a prolong”
    - (2) “Tranquility” is “*helevah*” -- ease, prosperity

B. There are New Testament words translated humility.

1. "Tapeino" is the prominent New Testament word translated humble and is translated "**to make low, bring low, to level, reduce to a plain.**" -- Joseph Thayer (exhibited by the publican in his communication -- used with both the fut. Pass. -- of what will happen to the one exalting himself versus pres. Act. part. Of what will happen to the one humbling himself)
  - a) There are biblical illustrations of the use of "tapeino" in Scripture.
    - (1) It is used literally of mountains that shall be brought low. Lk. 3:5
    - (2) It is used to note those who see themselves in a low position in life. Lk. 1:48
  - b) The Lord exemplified humility in His obedience to death on a cross. Phil. 2:7
    - (1) His humility is related to His humanity ("fashion of a man").
    - (2) "Humbled" is the (aorist act) of "tapeino" which looks at a point in time.
    - (3) "Became" is "ginomai" (aor. mid.) can be understood as **to come to be something that wasn't previously occurring**. Cf. Acts 24:25 (of Felix becoming fearful as Paul preached); Acts 12:11 (of Peter as he came to himself after the angel delivered him)
    - (4) "Obedient" is the Greek word "huperkoos" -- which literally means to hear under thereby yielding to that which is heard. Cf. Acts 7:39 (of Israel's rejection of the pre-incarnate Son); 2 Co. 2:8 (of the apostle Paul in his letter to the Corinthians concerning their response to his first epistle)
  - c) The apostle Paul exemplified humility in his ministry. Acts 20:19
2. "Tapeino" is used in the passive voice of those who allow circumstances that God has brought about to run their course.
  - a) The believers in the book of James are urged to allow the circumstances God brought into their life to humble (aor. Pass. imper.) them. James 4:10
  - b) The believers to whom Peter wrote were urged to allow the circumstances God brought into their lives to humble (aor. Pass. imper.) them. 1st Pet. 5:6 cf. Lk. 18:14 (of the publican)
3. "Tapeino" is used used in composition with "froneo" (translated humility).
  - a) Peter urged the believers to be clothed with humility. 1st Pet. 5:5
  - b) Humility was the basis of how the apostle Paul was able to serve the Lord. Acts 20:19
  - c) Paul urged the Philippians to have this frame of mind. Phil. 2:3

C. Humility is something that the believer has to "put on" (aor. mid.). Col. 3:12

1. "Put on" is the word "enduo" which is used in Scripture of the believer clothing his mind with certain truths from Scripture like he would clothe his body with clothes. Cf. Eph. 6:11 (of the armour to withstand Satan); 1st Thess. 5:8 (of the breastplate of faith and love)
2. The believer cloths himself by putting on the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 13:14

## II. SUBMISSION CHARACTERIZES HUMILITY.

### A. Submission is the word "hupotasso"

1. Hupo-- over
2. Tasso -- arrange
3. "Hupotasso" means "to give into; to subject oneself."

### B. "Hupotasso" is used in Scripture of one being subdued.

1. It is seen of the enemies of Christ being subdued. 1st Co. 15:27,28
2. It is used of the carnal mind not being subject to a law from God. Rom. 8:7

### C. Submission is emphasized in states of suffering.

1. The believers suffering persecution at the murder of James, the brother of John were urged to submit themselves. Ja. 4:7
  - a) Submission is to God. James 4:7
  - b) The devil is seen as the stumblock to submission. James 4:7
2. The use of the reciprocal pronoun notes the submission the young to the elder believers. 1st Pet. 5:5

### D. Submission to government officials is important. Rom. 13:1

1. "Higher powers" is "huperecho" -- those of superior authority.
2. The apostle Paul states the believer's submission to authorities as an imperative (pres. Pass. imper.)

### E. Submission to masters is important.

1. Believers are urged to submit to their masters in all fear.
2. Believers are urged to be in submission to their masters no matter the temperament.
  - a) Whether they be good.
  - b) Whether to the "gentle" -- "those who are kind, forbearing, tolerant." -- Friberg lexicon cf. 1st Tim. 3:3
  - c) Whether they be "froward" -- "skolios" -- "**those who are crooked; dishonest in ways; of personal behavior unscrupulous, unfair, dishonest.**" -- Friberg lexicon cf. Phil. 2:15 (this generation characterized by)

- F. “Hupotasso” is used (in the middle voice) of submission to other believers important.
1. It is used of a believing wife to her believing husband. Eph. 5:22; Col. 3:18 (middle imper.); 1st Pet. 3:1
  2. It is seen as necessary among believers.
    - a) Can only occur when believers are spiritual. Eph. 5:21
    - b) Needed with younger and elder believers. 1st Pet. 5:5

## CONCLUSION

### I. GOD HAS PERSISTENTLY WARNED IN SCRIPTURE AGAINST PRIDE

#### WHY GOD BROUGHT DOWN NEBUCHADNEZZAR

##### The Solution To Pride

##### Part 6

##### Dan. 4:31-37

## INTRODUCTION

- I. BELIEVERS ARE DISCOURAGED IN SCRIPTURE FROM DIRECTING FOCUS UPON ONESELF.
  - A. Believers in Rome were discouraged from thinking of themselves above what was necessary. Rom. 12:3
  - B. Paul urged the Philippian believers to “esteem” others better than themselves. Phil. 2:3
- II. BELIEVERS ARE EQUIPPED TO OPERATE WITH BOLDNESS.
  - A. Boldness

B. xxxxx

III. BOASTING FOR THE BELIEVER IS NOT SELF-CENTERED.

A. Boasting is the word

B. Boasting in others is seen as a good thing in Scripture. 2 Thess. 1:4

C. The problem of boasting

1. One can be thought of above what he seems to be. 2 Co. 12:6
2. It can exalt things driven by the flesh. Gal. 6:13; Phil. 3:3
3. It discredits God's work. Eph. 2:9

D. Believers can have false boast.

1. In Men. 1 Co. 3:21
2. In Self. 1st Co. 4:6-7
3. After the flesh 2 Co. 11:18; 12:5

E. The standard for proper boasting according to God's measure. 2 Co. 10:13,15

F. The object of the believer's boasting.

1. Believers can boast in tribulations. Rom. 5:2-3
2. Weaknesses. 2 Co. 11:30; 12:9

G. The basis of the believer's boasting

1. Believers boast in the Lord. 1st Co. 1:31; 2 Co. 10:17
2. The cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Gal. 6:14

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IV. BELIEVERS IN ROME WERE DISCOURAGED FROM THINKING OF THEMSELVES OVER WHAT WAS NECESSARY.

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II. .

III.

THE PRIDES OF SCRIPTURE

THE PROBLEM OF PRIDE

THE SOLUTION TO PRIDE

Nebuchadnezzar was urged by Daniel to humble himself.

Belshazzar didn't humble himself in light of what happened to his grandfather. . Dan.

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