

Daniel 13

Let's move on to **Daniel 4:28** . [All this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar.²⁹ At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. ³⁰ The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? ³¹ While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. ³² And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. ³³ The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. ³⁴ And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: ³⁵ And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? ³⁶ At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honour and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. ³⁷ Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

It's a clear historical event, actually, anyone who understands what message God is giving us today through this event, through what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar, is the one who hears God's voice. Here, the king of Babylon does not know that God has exalted him, and he keeps saying that, me, me, me. After all, those in power know that all authority comes from above, but they know it in their heads, but they do not do as they know. It was the same case with Nebuchadnezzar. After all, it is the Babylon that I built, he said: It's the same with politicians today, isn't it? Not only that, but today Christians also become arrogant when they do a little well and get high. That's why God always humbles them. If that person is born again, if he has become a child of God, God will not let him go in that way. It doesn't matter if they are not children of God. God does many things in order for the person to be saved. But they didn't realize it. That's what people in the world do. It is said that once or twice in a lifetime, we have chance, but that opportunity is actually the opportunity to know God. But people know it different way. They think it an opportunity to make a lot of money. It's a chance to be famous in the world. That's how Satan does it, and that's what the ruler of the world does. There's a voice from heaven right now, right? The kingdom has departed from you. Because the word of God falls, the absolute dictator who rules the whole world will eventually eat grass like an ox with the beasts of the field. People do. If their

honor falls, it's nothing. The big tycoons. If their honor falls, they are to be miserable. That's why we really need to work out salvation with fear and trembling, and if we do something, if we want to be saved, we really want to go before God with fear and trembling. If we are saved, we have to watch our life not to be falling away with fear and trembling. It doesn't mean to lose our salvation. . People don't know this. The hair on his head has grown like an eagle's hair. His fingernails became like a bird's claws. How could that be? It still happens now. This tragic incident is still happening. He was evicted for 7 years and become homeless without a home? There are still many homeless people today. If you look at how they became homeless, there must be a reason for everything. How can God let him live with beasts, graze on grass, eat dew, and live like this? God can do that. At this point, Nebuchadnezzar came to his senses. Man knows himself when he has nothing. Eventually, He recovered spiritually and look up to heaven. In the old days, our ancestors didn't know God, but when something miserable thing happens to them, they recognized, God did it. Even though the conscience is defiled, there is still room to seek God. If you seek God, you will find Him. Calvin said that man cannot find God because he is in total depravity. They can't even accept Jesus. Because it is total depravity. That's why there are people from the birth who will go to heaven and people who will go to hell. That's why they say they don't need to be evangelized. Extreme Calvinists say this doctrine. What a ridiculous thing it is. It is no exaggeration to say that Calvinism dominated Korea churches. This is not the case these days, but in the old days, when I was a child, Calvinism claimed the whole church different from their doctrine as the cult.,

Now, all of sudden, he lost everything, and then he suddenly fell to the bottom, and that's what happened. We need to think about what lessons God teaches us today. The greater a person becomes, the more humble he needs to become on earth, and the higher he goes, the more extreme it becomes. The king of Babylon is the king of the whole world, so if God does not do it as drastically, he will not be able to return. The same is true today. The one who keeps exalting himself is the same until the end, and then the Lord drops him. The same is true in the church. When you think I'm better than others, you end up being arrogant. That doesn't mean that you are exalted like the king of Babylon, but Satan makes us like that. That's what people do think that way. So you keep judging people. That means I'm better than that guy when I do something. But what does the Bible say? Treat others as better than you. Not low, but better.

That's how you need to do it. We should always treat anyone who comes to us as better. If I don't, I'm going to be elevated. It's that simple. Well, some people have said this before. Oh, only the poor come to our church. It's that simple, right? You have to be poor to be heard, right? The rich don't listen. Isn't it in the Bible? That's what the Bible says. But he is also poor. I don't understand when I see people like that. If I'm rich, then I understand, but if I'm rich and everyone is poor, I'm going to do that, but I don't have the right level, well, there are people like this. I don't know what level it is, but where are people as high as the children of God? But that's how the world decides. That's why I have to be very careful when God really exalts me, exalts me materially, and exalts my honor. That's what it means to work out salvation with fear and trembling. It's not about losing your salvation, it's about being careful when you're high. And don't let yourself exalt it. **It's in the book of Proverbs. [Don't praise yourselves, let others praise you]** What kind of people do you praise? Praise the humble. I don't praise those who have a lot of money. I don't praise the honorable. Praise the humble. That's why **I Peter 5:6** says, "**Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God.**

In due time He will exalt you.] He gave me this word when I started my ministry. He gave us these words.

Not just a pastor, but a sister, a very young believer who had been in church for a few weeks, read the Bible and said, "This is what she said.

She told me to give it to the pastor. "I said. Amen. I got it then and I still haven't forgotten it. What did our Lord say? **[Enter through the narrow gate.]** The road is narrow and few people are looking for it. Why did He asked me to enter through the narrow gate? We have to enter through a narrow gate to be humbled. That is why we must enter the low place through the narrow gate, just as our Lord did not exalt himself when He came to the earth, but continued to go to a low place. If you don't do it yourself, you won't be able to do it for long period of time. A lot of ministers do a little bit and then drop out. Why do they get eliminated? They walked in through the wide gate themselves and did that. There are a lot of people going in the wide gate. Therefore, it is clear that when the Lord enters through a narrow gate, few people seek Him because the path is narrow. It's almost not even a few in English. A few means there is a little, but few is almost nil. When I go, I feel like I'm going alone. Why? One here, one there, and one there, and all the prophets of old Elijah died. I'm the only one left. What did God say at that time?

No, no, he left seven thousand that were not kneeling at Baal. You can't see them because they're hiding all over the place. So when you enter through the narrow gate, you feel like you're alone, but there are actually a lot of them. We don't know each other. That is why, if we follow the word of the Lord, we will never sit in a place of pride. I shouldn't be climbing on my own. Therefore, this means that if we humble ourselves under the hand of the Lord until the day of the Lord's coming, with fear and trembling, we will be exalted ourselves by the Lord in due time. Ultimately, it means exalting the Lord when He comes. It may mean exalting on this earth, but the real blessing is to go up there even if you suffer on this earth. That's what martyrs do. So, while I live on this earth, how much time do I have to prepare for the work that is praised by the Lord? This should not be done without being humbled. So don't go to a place where you are exalted. You should never go. That's why the Lord knows this through this book of Daniel. And what is the purpose of calling us, the purpose of salvation? To be made into the image of Christ.... Why? Because you are the bride. The bride of Christ is as personal as Christ

It has to be. So how long does it take to make people like us the person of Christ? That is why those who are born again are constantly tested in order for God to change their personality, to change their state of heart, to change their personality from the person of the Lord to the character of the Lord. It's a test. God must allow it. When will it be closed? We will continue until we become as much as the Lord wants us to be. It's a mountain over a mountain. People do. Now that the problem has been solved, it has happened again and again. What does it mean to have a problem?

This is the test. You're going to take the test, folks. He is trying to raise this test. The devil tempts. It is tempting. So it leads to sin. But God tries us. Try is putting iron ore into a furnace. Yes, refining it. It's made of pure gold or pure silver or pure brass. This is try. God try. That's why we do this as a trial. Why do it? Why in the world do you have to take middle school exams, high school exams, college exams, and exams? Now that he's learned something, it's time to move up. That's why God is going to test him and bring him up. But when people have a problem, they try to solve the problem. I'm not trying to solve the problem, but why did God give me this problem, and when I know this, I have to get down on my knees, but I go around trying to solve this problem, so there is no way to solve the problem. It's a mountain over a mountain. I forced myself to solve the problem. There's another problem. It's coming out again. It's not

just one or two people who go through this in their lifetime. Most people are like that these days. They don't know God's will. In the end, when I go later, everything is taken away, and then I raise my hand because I have no recourse to heaven. I've seen a lot of people like that. He gave me a lot of substance, but after I threw it all away, whew! How I wish I had used it for the Lord. But the person doesn't use it even if God gives him another substance. He never uses it for the Lord. Oh, he never uses people who wish I could have used it. I really sinned against God. Now I thank the Lord for taking everything, whether you give it or not. Just like Job, we have to be after God's own heart, and indeed, just as God blessed us with a double blessing later in the year, the last year of the year means that the Lord will give us the reward at the end of this life. People keep trying to get something in this life, but if they don't have something, they keep putting it to the test. Tempted by the devil. That's why God puts His children in such a test, and then they get out of it only when they get to where God wants them to be. It will come again when you grow spiritually and to a certain extent. People don't know this. However, when God is testing and refining, Satan comes and takes it away, so why does God do this to you? That's why the devil tempted. That is why we may not be tempted in the prayer as Lord taught us, as you have said, right? That prayer must be prayed. And deliver me from evil. What is evil? It's complaining and complaining. Complaining and grumbling is evil. If I am humble and think that I am inferior to others, there can be no complaining. I do everything in the church, and I work for the Lord, not for others, not for me.

I don't. But the person who is put to the test will leave the church even if I am hurt a little by someone else. If you go to church, you have to go to another church, but isn't the Lord there? That's right. They keep moving from church to church. Six-month believers. Especially in the United States, there are a lot of believers who are 6 months old. After about 6 months, it's usually over. There are a lot of people like that. In a way, you think that God doesn't exist. I think the church thinks there is no God. That's why I'm going to another church. Isn't it? In fact, there is only one church. That's why I leave the church. Then there's a bigger devil tempting you. Later on, they become wanderers and worship alone. There are a lot of people like that these days. I went here, I went there, and so on. Oh, where do you like it? You have to like God. Then, many people worship alone. There are a lot of people like that, especially among women these days. It's heartbreaking to hear stories like that. So when I think that I've fallen into temptation, I

think, oh, I'm not good enough in God's eyes. You need to know this, check it quickly, and try to cultivate that character, but what happens if you don't? God continues to refine. So it's all the way down to the bottom. That was the case yesterday when I had an AA meeting. I'm going to be drinking like this right now, and when I'm coming here for a meeting, I'm going to come to my senses at this time. What happens if you don't get sober at this time? It falls tremendously. So why is it the person who has been caught ten times by police? I can't turn around and get to that point. That's why God gives us every opportunity. God gave Nebuchadnezzar a chance. But if you look at the people who brought it drunk, almost all of them are churchgoers. They're doing it because they don't get salvation. That's why you have to turn around quickly, and you can't do that. The Lord died on the cross because of us, and a spear was pierced in His side, and all the water and blood poured out. He has to be inside. If you don't, you're going to have to stab yourself in the side. That's how tragic things happen. You have to bring him in. Instead of me, the Lord was pierced by a spear. What happens when that happens? I'm going to be humbled. Because of a sinner like me, God became a man, and a spear was pierced in his side, and all the water and blood came out, and when He went back, He became dehydrated, and His tongue stuck to the roof of His mouth, and He couldn't breathe and couldn't breathe. He said it was finished, and his breath went away. That's why Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar not to sin by doing righteous deeds. Do not sin. What happens when you end up sinning? When we sin, God refines us, but sinning is different from the Lord's disposition.

A character that does not sin. God's children don't sin. When I become a true child of God, my disposition changes and I don't consciously sin. That's what I'm talking about. Sometimes I am deceived by Satan, but I consciously sin and do not commit self-incrimination. They don't commit their own sins. So you didn't listen to Daniel's advice. In the end, it was a terrible test

[I have blessed the Most High, and have praised and honoured Him who lived forever: His dominion is everlasting rulership, and His kingdom shall be from generation to generation.] He

repented. We need to repent quickly, but people are foolish and can't repent. And you need to know this. God works through man. Some people do. I just pray. I'm praying and I'm going to answer it. But God works through people. There are pastors in this church, and there are various ministries, and there are

people in general, from young children to the elderly. It's a family. There are parents, there are siblings, and there are sons, and there is a son, and the son says what his parents say, but it's not the son, I have to pray to God. I don't listen to my father. How foolish a person like this is. When I first started a church with a pastor, he told me. I still don't forget. Deacon! God speaks through man. I don't forget. But the people who took the test didn't listen to me when I talked to them. Oh, I need to be led by the Holy Spirit. However, if you are led by the Holy Spirit, and you have the Holy Spirit in you, you can speak through me, so it is good to listen carefully to see if you are speaking through me. Still, they don't listen. Nowadays there are people who are looking for the Holy Spirit so much. These people are deceived. There's no word. People who don't listen to others and don't speak ask for the Holy Spirit. So what happens when the Holy Spirit comes into the empty space? Then it becomes like the Corinthian church. It just gets chaotic. Proud of your gifts. Gifts are very precious. In 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 14, gifts are very important. Why? We can't serve in the church without gifts. But don't be charismatic. Charismatic. You can't put your gifts above everything. You can't put it on top of God's Word. God gives pastors the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom, these things. Then He gives women the gift of divine healing and various gifts of service. But the person who has received the gift of divine healing, uh, that pastor does not have the gift of divine healing. That's how proud you become. That's why you're being deceived by the devil. I don't know how many people are like that. Such a person goes out and sets up something, lays hands on people, and gets paid. Oh dear

I don't know how many people are on the floor in LA. There are a lot of priests, and there are a lot of women evangelists. It's because I've been deceived. Gifts are very important. But when it comes to charismatics, it's a big deal. The Corinthian church is such a church. Everyone. **[All the inhabitants of the earth are considered nothing, but I act according to my own will]** I repent in an instant, and God answers me in an instant. Why? God gives us refinement to repent, not anything else. Repentance means humbling yourself before the Lord. The devil became arrogant and eventually became Lucifer. The group was arrogant and became Lucifer, the Devil, the Dragon, and Satan. That's why you said that pride is the vanguard of destruction. Who gives you a proud heart? The devil gives. That's why I have to be really careful when I feel arrogant and judgmental of others. You have to be careful when you feel like

slandering others without realizing it. If I keep doing that, I'm going to have a problem. But then I didn't know. I don't quite realize. A blessing is the person who realizes it right away, and then that person doesn't have much trouble. There are many cases where you foolishly drag it all the way to the end, and then you get beaten up a lot. That's why we believe that this Nebuchadnezzar was a man who didn't even believe in God. Yet, if a person who does not believe in God makes such a confession, and a person who believes in God cannot make such a confession, how foolish it is. According to the book of Proverbs. A foolish person, a foolish person, can put it in this mortar and slam it and it will bounce off. That's how stupid it is. This has to be broken. When you get inside, it has to break, but this one doesn't break, it slides and bounces off. So simple. In the Bible, a fool is called a simple man in English. He doesn't know anything about it. Simple is actually a bad thing. That is why we can receive this lesson in these words. I will pray. Thank you, Father God. Today, through what happened to King Nebuchadnezzar, I thank you that the Holy Spirit has once again spoken to each of us to the church. Help us to repent and draw near to you and to come to your person when we judge ourselves, Even when He died on the cross, it was because they did not know their sins, and just as He asked for forgiveness for their sins, so did those who kill me, Father, We have a long way to go until we are in the heart of the Lord. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, thank you and pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may live for this until the day when you call us, that we may always exalt the Lord, that we may honor one another, that we may consider one another better than ourselves, that the young people will listen to the elderly in the church, that the young people will work hard and be obedient, that we may maintain order in our homes, and that in doing this we may become the bride of Christ, so that we may all whom we meet with the Lord in such a glorious way. Amen.