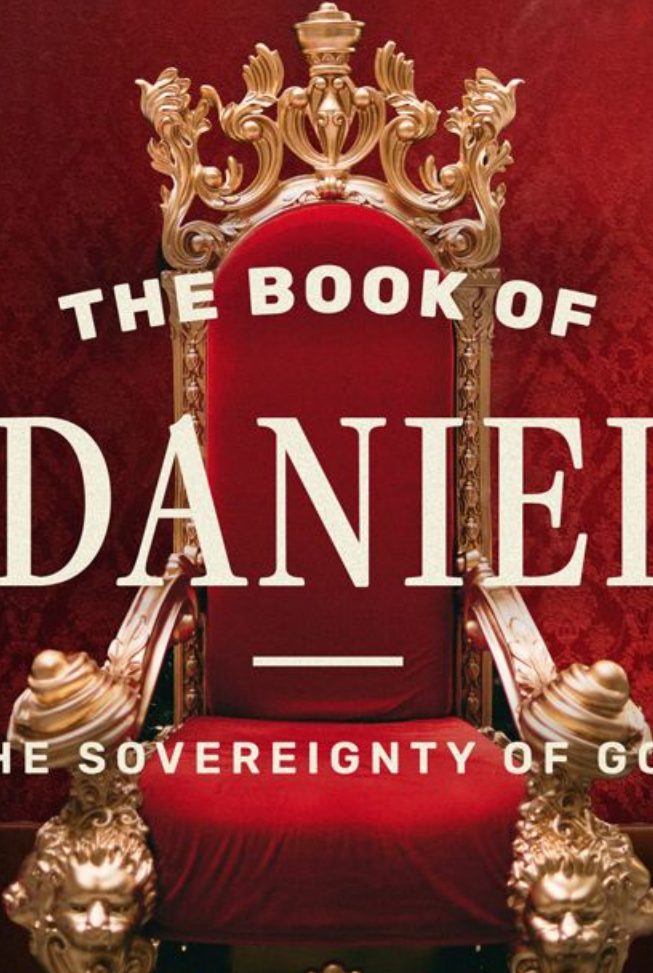




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KING OF HEAVEN

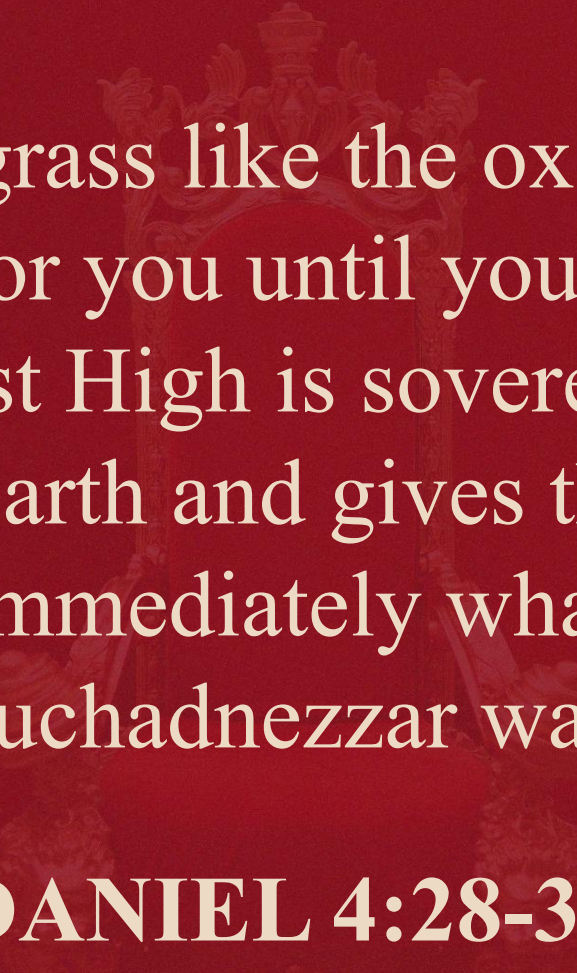
²⁸ All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar.

²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”

DANIEL 4:28-37

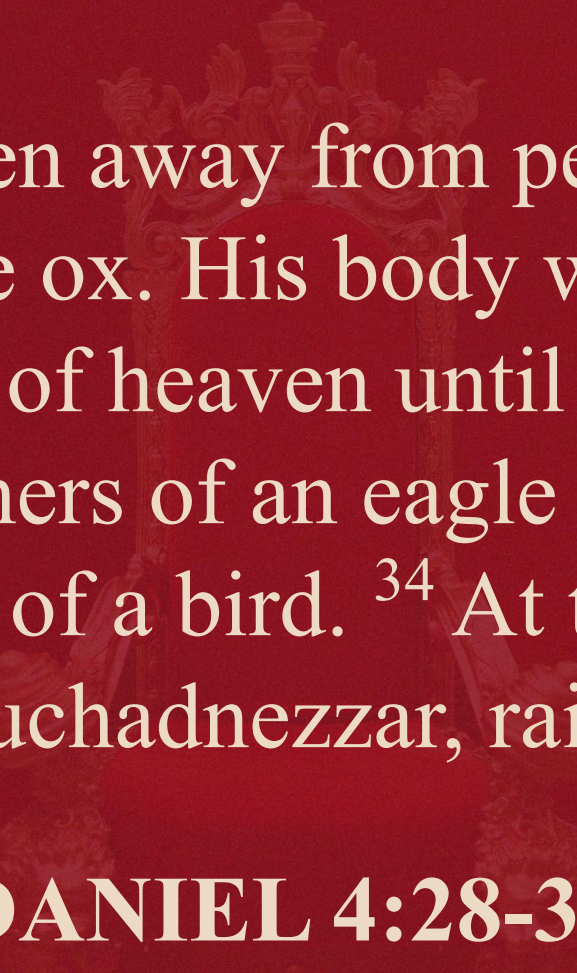
³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, “This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals;

DANIEL 4:28-37



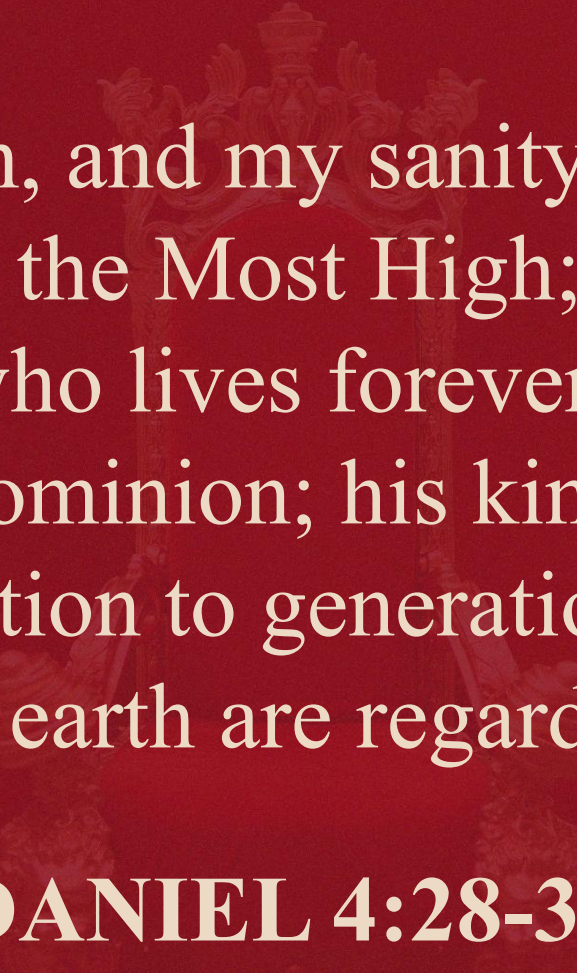
you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes.”³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled.

DANIEL 4:28-37



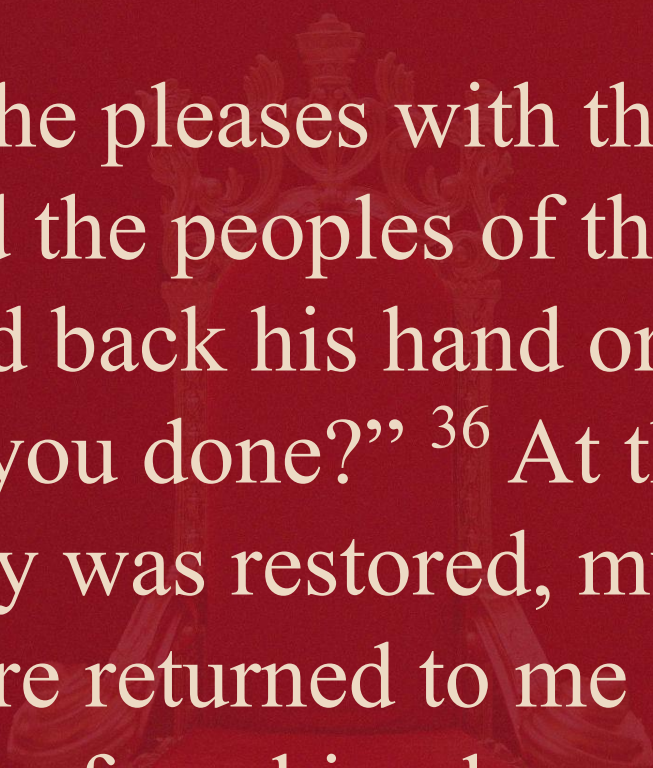
He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. ³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes

DANIEL 4:28-37



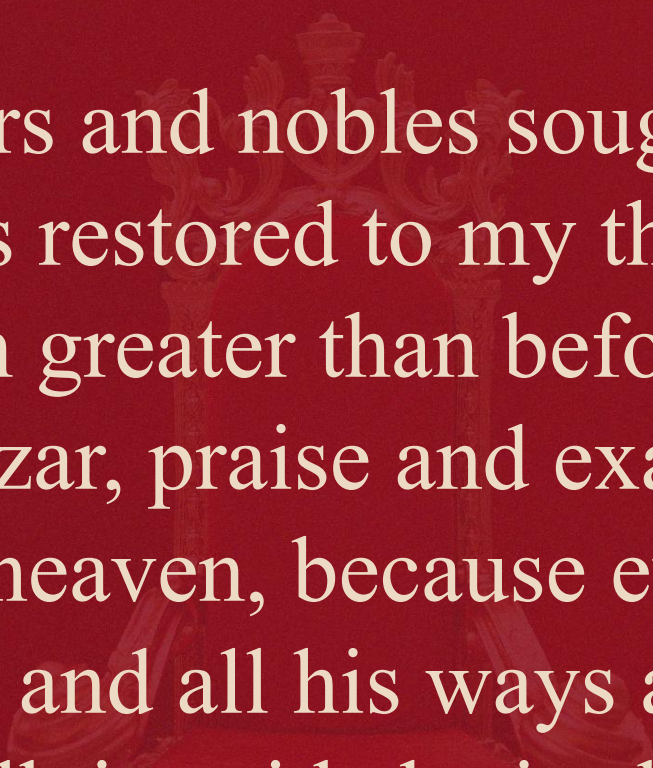
toward heaven, and my sanity was restored.
Then I praised the Most High; I honored and
glorified him who lives forever. His dominion
is an eternal dominion; his kingdom endures
from generation to generation. ³⁵ All the
peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing.

DANIEL 4:28-37



He does as he pleases with the powers of
heaven and the peoples of the earth. No
one can hold back his hand or say to him:
“What have you done?”³⁶ At the same time
that my sanity was restored, my honour and
splendor were returned to me for the glory
of my kingdom.

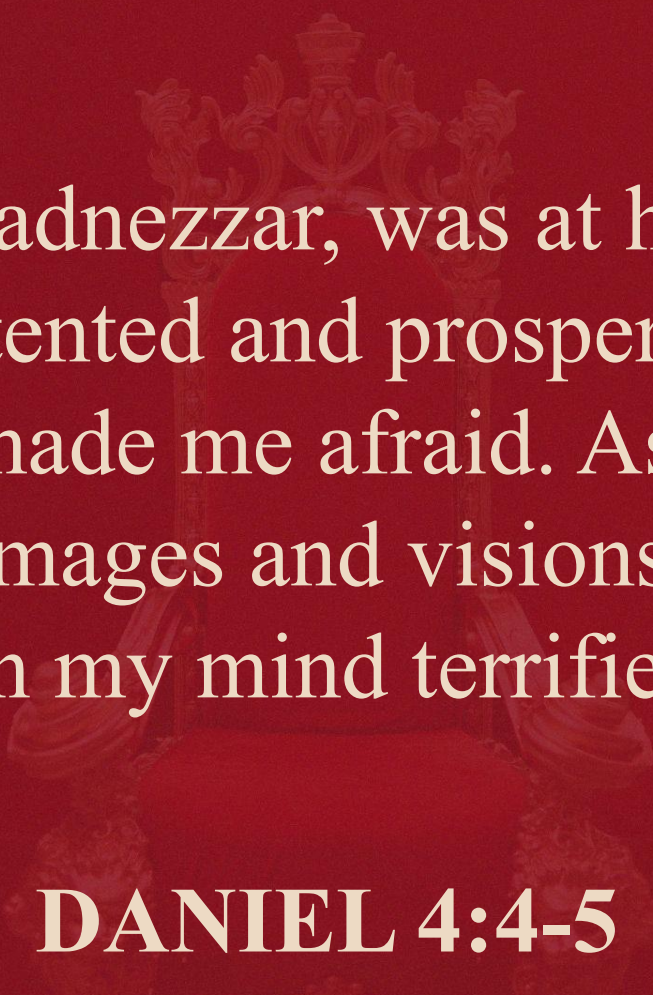
DANIEL 4:28-37



My advisers and nobles sought me out,
and I was restored to my throne and
became even greater than before. ³⁷ Now I,
Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify
the King of heaven, because everything he
does is right and all his ways are just. And
those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

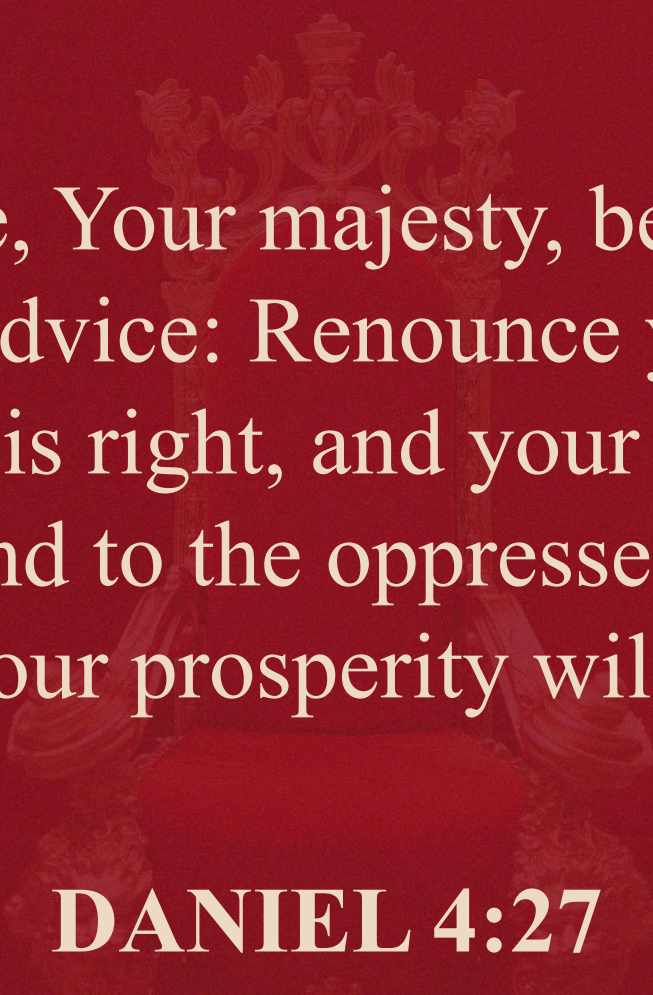
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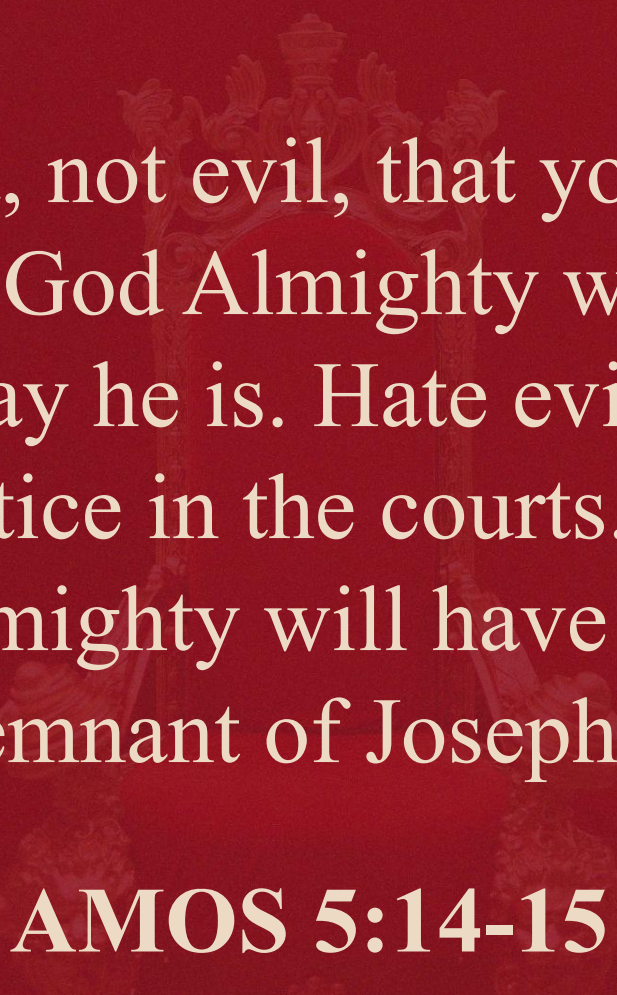
“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. I had a dream that made me afraid. As I was lying in bed, the images and visions that passed through my mind terrified me.”

DANIEL 4:4-5



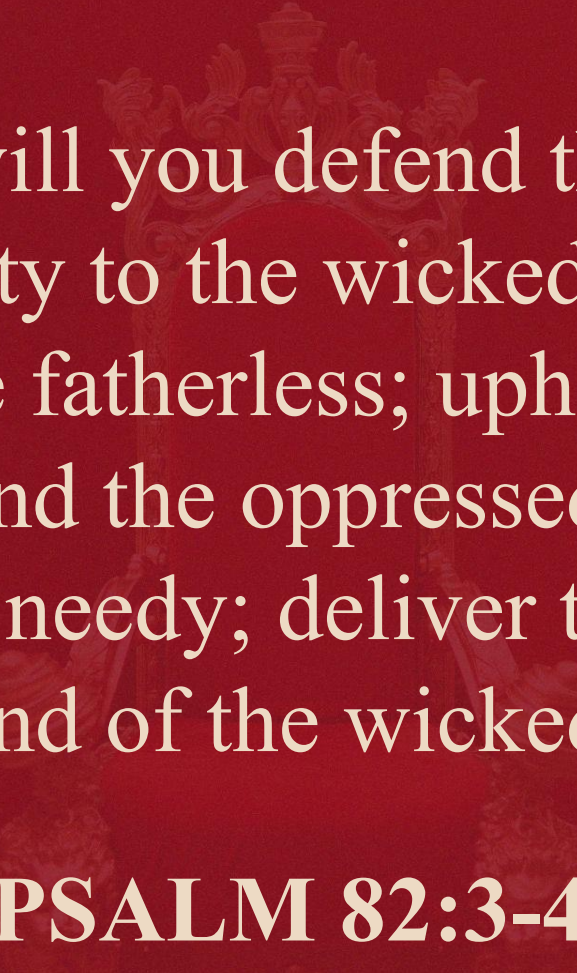
“Therefore, Your majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue”

DANIEL 4:27



“Seek good, not evil, that you may live.
Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the
Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the
remnant of Joseph.”

AMOS 5:14-15

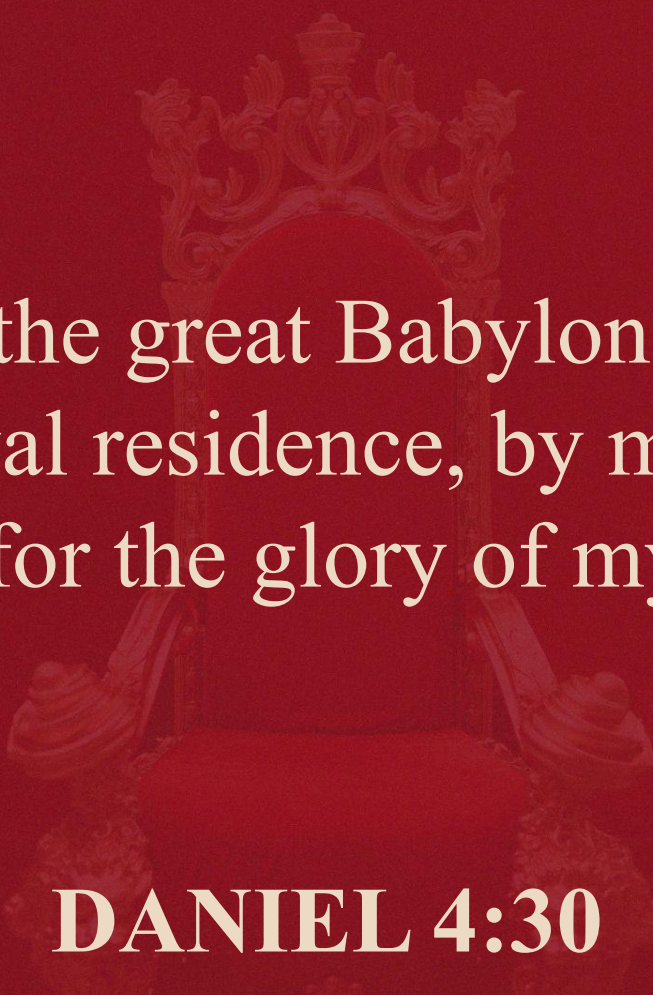


“How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

PSALM 82:3-4

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PRIDE



“Is not this the great Babylon I have built
as the royal residence, by my mighty
power and for the glory of my majesty?”

DANIEL 4:30



PERGAMON MUSEUM (GERMANY)

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“Pride goes before destruction,
a haughty spirit before a fall.”

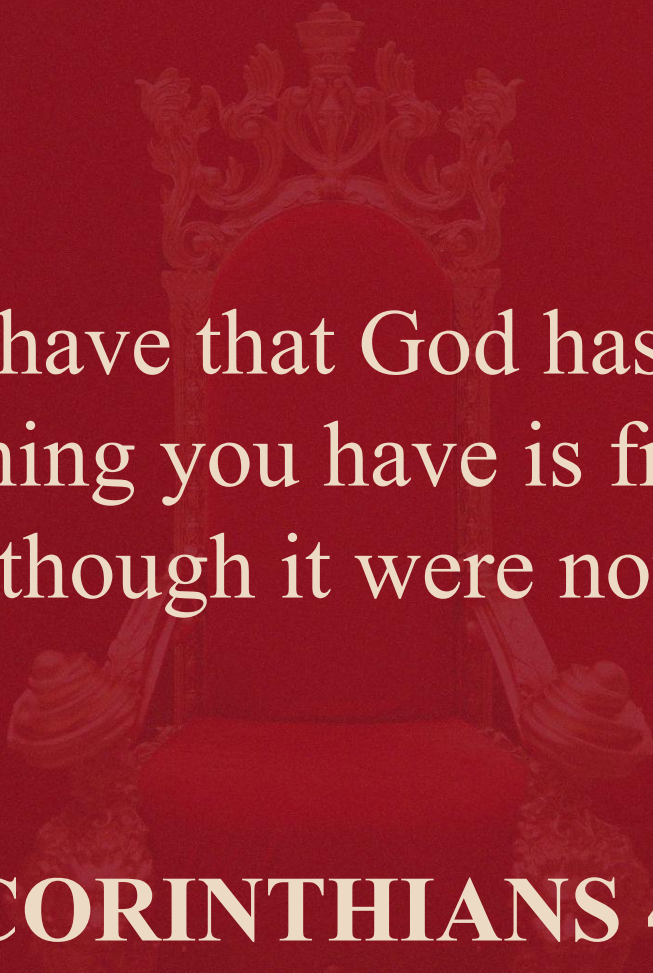
PROVERBS 16:18



“God opposes the proud but
shows favour to the humble.”

JAMES 4:6 (NIV)

Pride elevates self above all.



“What do you have that God hasn’t given you?
And if everything you have is from God, why
boast as though it were not a gift?”

1 CORINTHIANS 4:7

**Pride is conceited
and competitive.**

Pride takes pleasure in having more likes or views on what I post online; more compliments on how I look; more job offers than my peers; more relationship prospects than my friends; more school acceptance offers than my classmates; etc.

“As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud [person] is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

– C. S. Lewis –
(Mere Christianity)



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JUDGEMENT

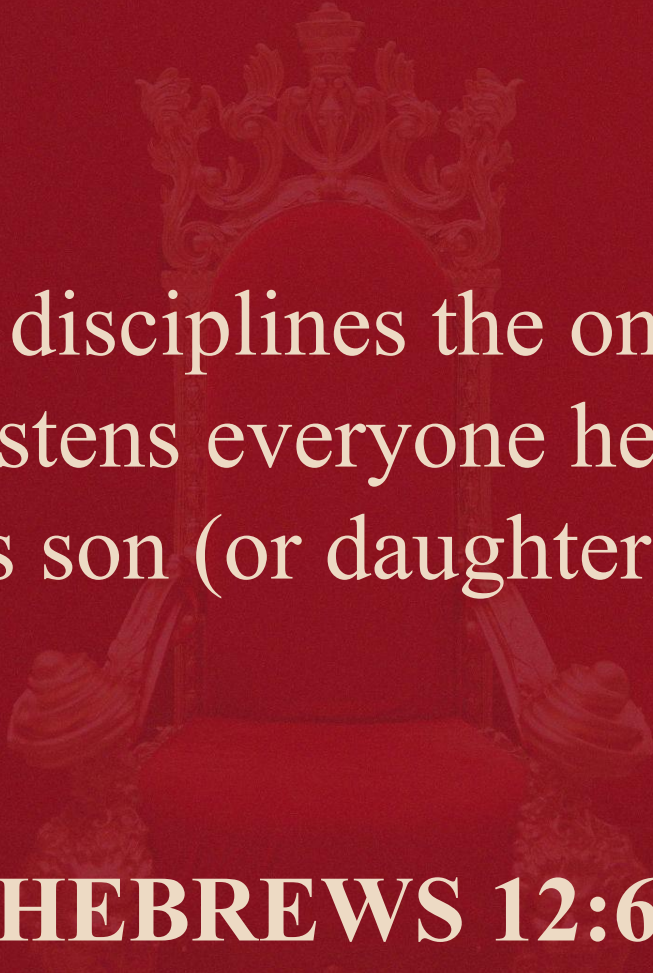
**“Sin will take you farther than
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you more than you want to pay.”**



“The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.”

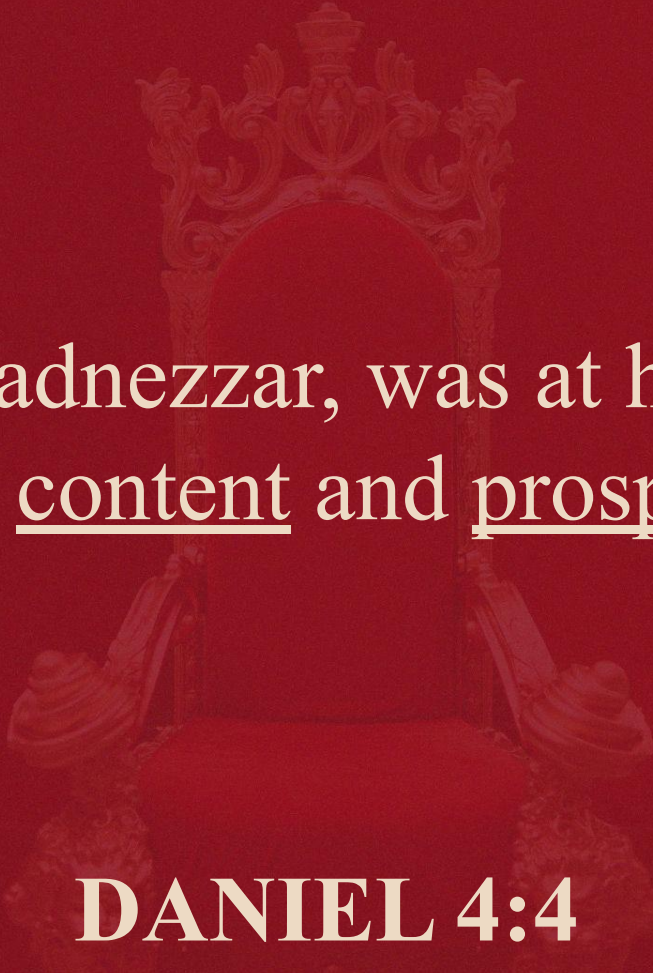
PSALM 103:8

Judgement as Discipline



“The Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as
his son (or daughter).”

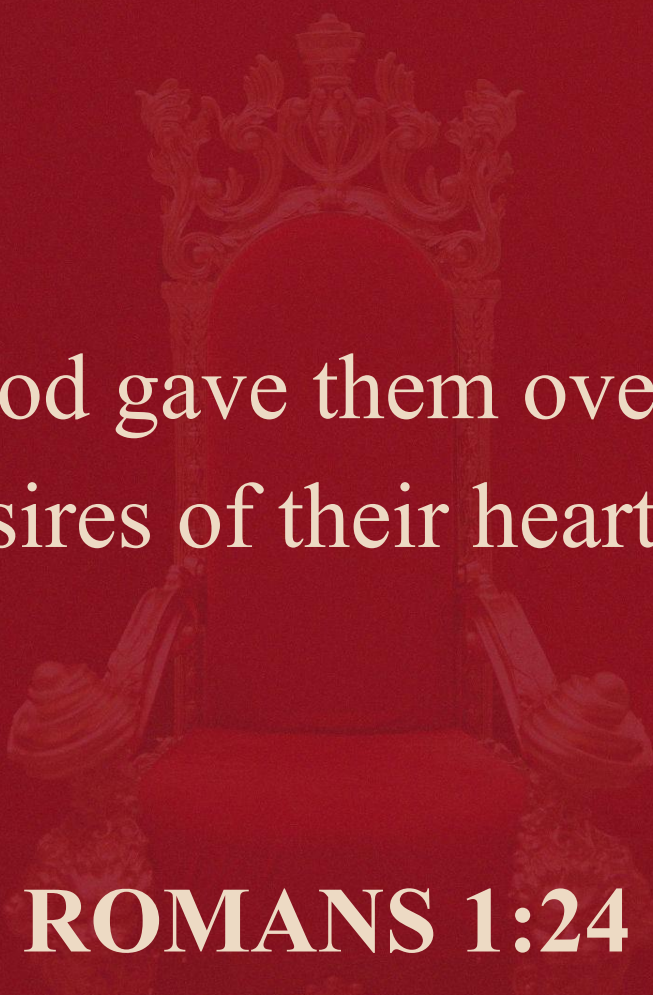
HEBREWS 12:6



“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my
palace, content and prosperous”

DANIEL 4:4

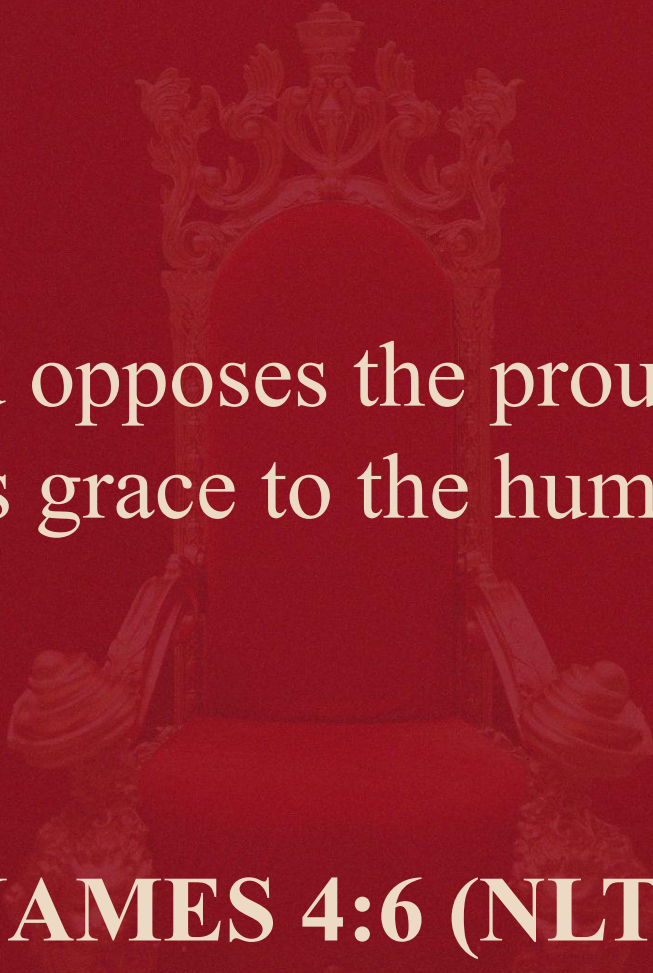
Judgement as Giving Over



“Therefore God gave them over in the sinful
desires of their hearts.”

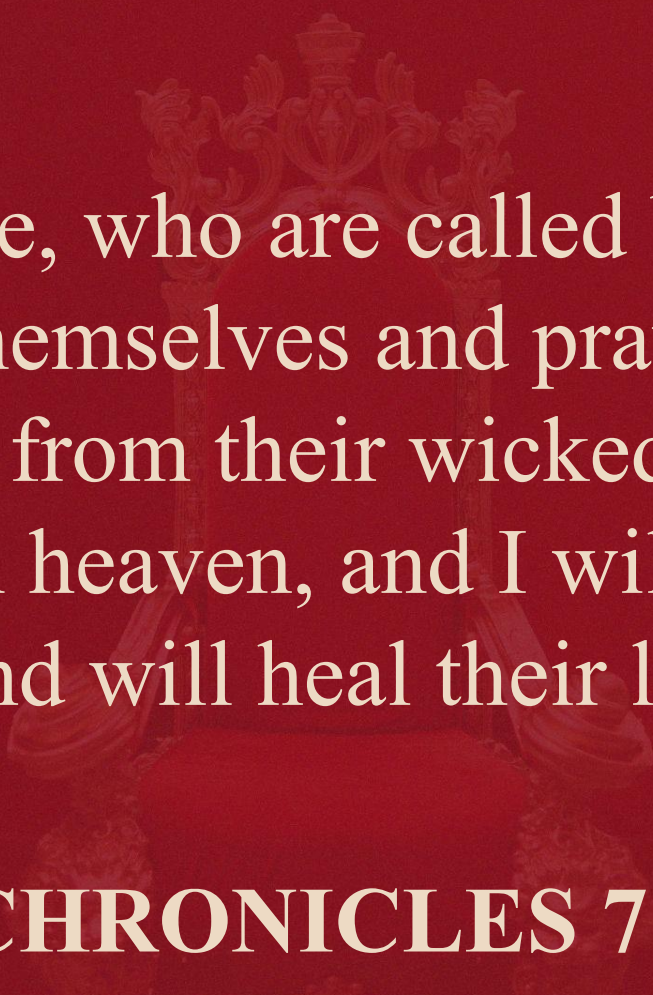
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RESTORATION



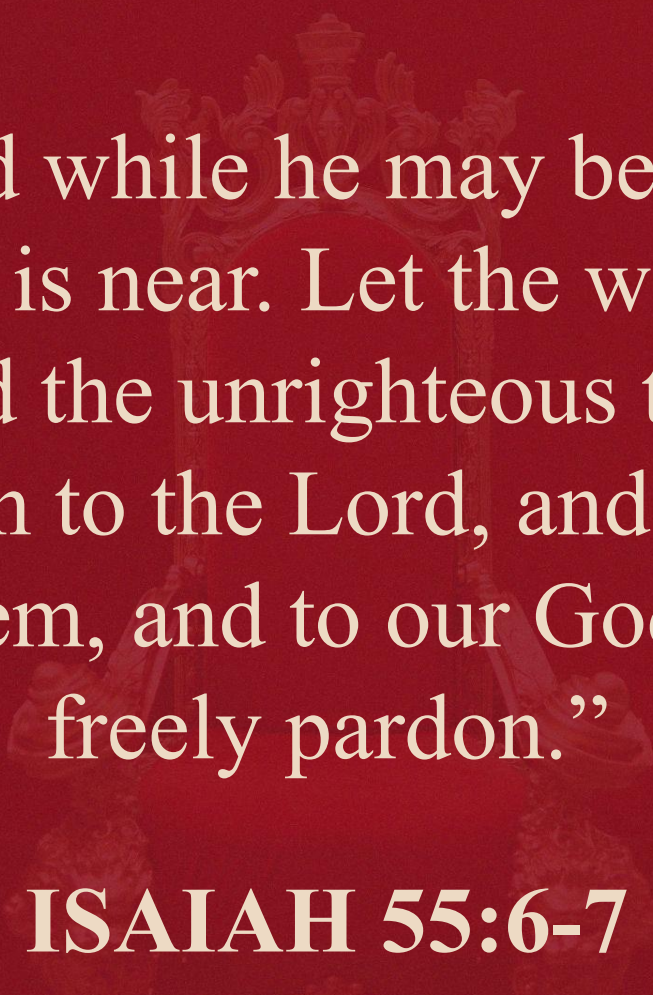
“God opposes the proud but
gives grace to the humble.”

JAMES 4:6 (NLT)



“If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray and seek my
face and turn from their wicked ways, then I
will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their
sin and will heal their land.”

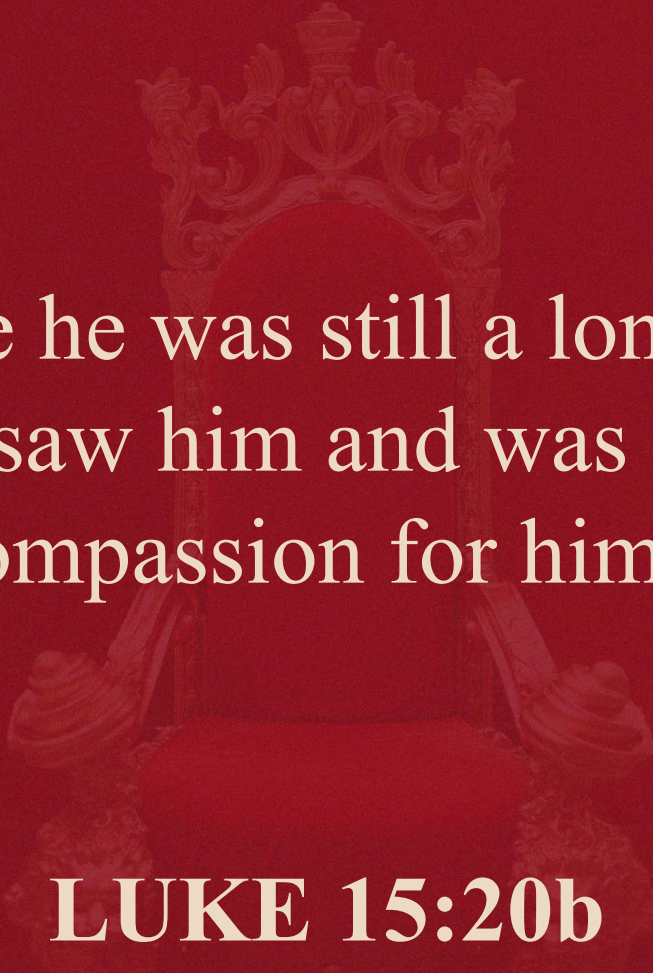
2 CHRONICLES 7:14



“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.”

ISAIAH 55:6-7

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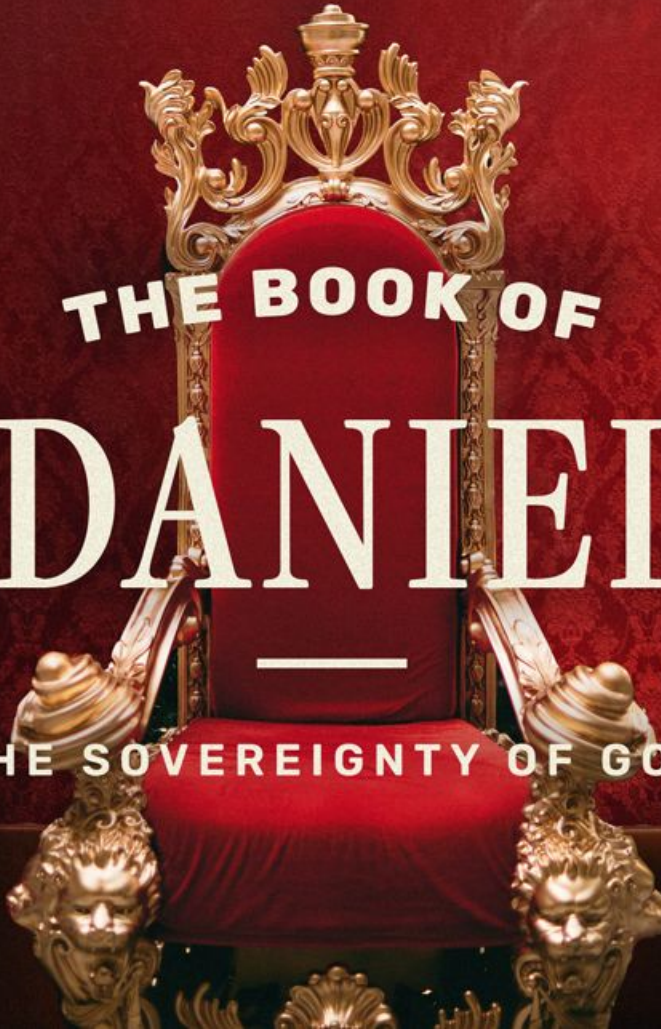


“But while he was still a long way off,
his father saw him and was filled with
compassion for him.”

LUKE 15:20b

SERMON REVIEW:

- 1) WARNING
- 2) PRIDE
- 3) JUDGEMENT
- 4) RESTORATION



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