



~ Lesson 4 ~

“The Beast Within Me”

WEDNESDAY CONNECT STUDY

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Introduction:

"It has been said that what's around you doesn't have to get in you. But what's in you will eventually come out of you. Many of us have mastered the art of pretension, the cover-up – fronting if you please. We are locked in an ongoing battle with our fallen nature. Try as we might, we cannot just brush away the truth of the broken human character. The rebellion of Eden's disobedience is a part of the birthmark of mankind. Have you read the following lately?

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV)

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do... ²³But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:15, 23 (NKJV)

These two passages remind us that the struggle is real. We are engaged in spiritual warfare that we would have lost long ago were it not for the longsuffering and grace of our merciful God. Repeatedly, God revealed Himself to Nebuchadnezzar, to avail. Let's give careful study to the message of Daniel 4 in this week's lesson, “The Beast Within Me!”

Focus Text:

18 “This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen. Now you, Belshazzar, declare its interpretation, since all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known to me the interpretation; but you are able, for the Spirit of the Holy God is in you.”

Daniel 4:18 (NKJV)

Prologue

Who is the narrator in this passage and what is the message?

Daniel 4:1-3

More Night Trouble!

What disturbed King Nebuchadnezzar in the night?

Daniel 4:4-5

How does the Babylonian King and his council of wise men react to this new night disturbance?

Daniel 4:6-18

How does God move upon Daniel regarding the dream's meaning and what's different from the experience in Daniel 2?

Daniel 4:19-27

The Beast Appears ~ A King Restored!

What happens to the king that clearly reveals God's heart of compassion and longsuffering as well his last recorded response about God?

Daniel 4:28-36

Conclusion:

What are some takeaways for you and how do they apply to the Christian journey from your study of Daniel 4?
