

## SERMON NOTES

**Title: It's All About Me**

**Text: Ezekiel 28:2**

**Topic: Self-Centeredness**

**Teacher: Pastor Barry**

**Time: 8/18/24**

**File Under: Christian Living**



King Nebuchadnezzar is a case study in what it's like to **think of yourself as God.**

Idolatry is when you let something take **God's place** in your life.

The foundation of every idol is the same... **me, myself and I.**

Daniel is **drafted** to serve King Neb.

A growing characteristic of people in our culture is **self-centeredness.**

Nebuchadnezzar was not only important and powerful he was **evil.**

That's why we are surprised to learn... **Nebuchadnezzar** wrote Daniel chapter 4.

*"To the nations and peoples of every language... It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders!"*

What caused this transformation? God **visits** him in a **terrifying dream.**

Daniel interprets the **dream.** God's message to Neb..."you are about to get cut down to size", but he **blows it off.**

Questions to help us to see, if we are like Nebuchadnezzar...

#1. What's my motivation?

#2 Who do we identify as the source of my strength/success?

#3 What's the purpose of my life?

Happiness as a goal/purpose is **elusive.**

The more we **acquire** the more we **desire.**

Daniel courageously tells the king, "**Renounce** your sins..." But he doesn't and everything Daniel said would happen happened.

He lives like a **wolf-man** for years, but finally comes to his senses.

His motivation changes from living for **himself** to living for **God.**

What are you going to have to go through before you realize you should let God be in the **driver's seat** of your life?

*"...every knee will bow... and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord."* Philippians 2:10&11

My prayer is that it will happen for you "**willingly**".