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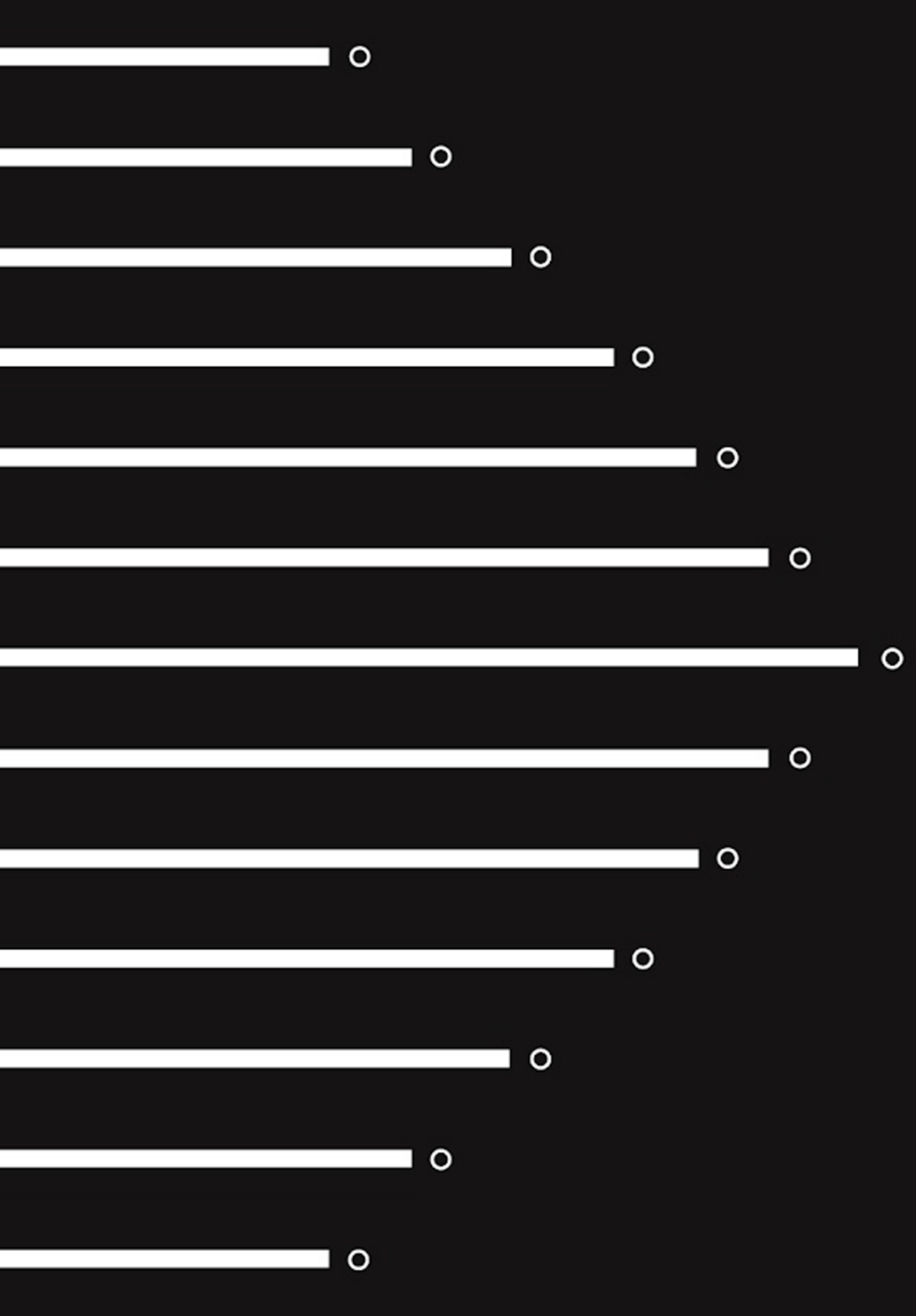
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# CHAPTER 4-5

## God Humbles the Proud



THE TALE OF

# TWO KINGS

### **Daniel 4:1-3** NIV

King Nebuchadnezzar,

To the nations and peoples of every language, who live in all the earth: May you prosper greatly!<sup>2</sup> It is my pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.<sup>3</sup> How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an eternal kingdom; his dominion endures from generation to generation.

## Dream

Purpose

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Awakening

Confession

Life-change

### **Daniel 4:4-5** NIV

I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at home in my palace, contented and prosperous. <sup>5</sup> 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.

Dream

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### Daniel 4:17 <sup>NIV</sup>

“The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people.”

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**Daniel 4:27** NIV

“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 4:29-30** NIV

Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, <sup>30</sup> 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?”

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**Daniel 4:31** NIV

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.**”

**Psalm 8:4-9** NIV '84

What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? <sup>5</sup> You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and **crowned him with glory and honor.** <sup>6</sup> You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: <sup>7</sup> all flocks... and herds ... the beasts..., <sup>8</sup> the birds..., the fish... <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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### Daniel 4:34-35 <sup>NIV</sup>

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, **raised my eyes 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. <sup>35</sup> All the peoples of the earth are regarded as nothing. 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?”

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### **Daniel 4:37** NIV

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.

Nebuchadnezzar

Dream

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"Surely your god is the God of gods..." (2:47)

"No other god can save in this way..." (3:29)

"I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify  
the King of heaven..." (4:37)

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## **Daniel 5:1-2,4** <sup>NIV</sup>

King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. <sup>2</sup> While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.... <sup>4</sup> As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

● **Sign**

Sin

Judgment

**Daniel 5:5-6** <sup>NIV</sup>

Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. <sup>6</sup> His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

**Daniel 5:18, 20-21** NIV

“Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor... <sup>20</sup> But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. <sup>21</sup> He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; ... until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and sets over them anyone he wishes.

Sign

**Sin**

Judgment

**Daniel 5:22-23** NIV

“But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. <sup>23</sup> Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways.”

Belshazzar

Sign

Sin

**Judgment**

## **Daniel 5:24-25** NIV

Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.  
<sup>25</sup> “This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene,  
tekel, parsin...”

Sign

Sin

● **Judgment**

### **Daniel 5:26-28** NIV

“Here is what these words mean:

**Mene:** God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

<sup>27</sup> **Tekel:** You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

<sup>28</sup> **Peres:** Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

**Hubris**

Nebuchadnezzar  
*claimed* the glory

**Arrogance**

Belshazzar  
*mocked* the glory

# Pride vs. Humility

## 1 Peter 5:5b-6 <sup>NIV</sup>

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

PROUD

vs.

BROKEN

	Focus on the failures of others	»»»»»»»»	<b>Compassionate; forgiving</b>
P	Self-righteous; a critical, fault-finding spirit	»»»»»»»»	<b>Keen awareness of own spiritual need</b>
R	Look down on others	»»»»»»»»	<b>Esteem others better than self</b>
©	Independent/self-sufficient spirit	»»»»»»»»	<b>Dependent spirit; recognizes need</b>
U	Demanding spirit	»»»»»»»»	<b>Giving spirit</b>
D	Self-protective of time and resources	»»»»»»»»	<b>Self-denying; motivated to serve</b>
	Desire to be a success	»»»»»»»»	<b>Desire to be faithful</b>

**B  
R  
O  
K  
E  
N**

P

Desire for self-advancement



**Grateful to participate with God**

R

Feel confident in how much they know



**Humbled by opportunity to learn**

©

Self-conscious



**Others-focused**

U

Keep people at arms length



**Risk getting close to others**

D

Quick to blame others



**Accept personal responsibility**

Defensive when criticized



**Receive criticism with open heart**

Concerned with being "respectable"



**Concerned with being real**

**B  
R  
O  
K  
E  
N**

	Concerned about what others think	»»»»»»»»	<b>All that matters is what God knows</b>
P	Work to maintain image/reputation	»»»»»»»»	<b>Seek to maintain integrity</b>
R	Difficulty sharing their needs with others	»»»»»»»»	<b>All that matters is what God knows</b>
©	Cover up their sin	»»»»»»»»	<b>Willing to expose their sin</b>
U	Rarely say, <i>"I'm wrong; please forgive me"</i>	»»»»»»»»	<b>Quick to admit failure; seek forgiveness</b>
D	When confessing sin, deal in generalities	»»»»»»»»	<b>Confesses sin directly and specifically</b>
	Concerned about consequences of sins	»»»»»»»»	<b>Grieved over the root of their sins</b>

**B  
R  
O  
K  
E  
N**

P

Compare themselves with sins of others



**Compare themselves to holiness of God**

R

Blind to the true condition of their heart



**Walk in the light; see need for mercy**

©

Don't see anything to repent of



**Continual heart attitude of repentance**

U

Don't see their need for revival  
(everyone else does!)



**Continually sense their need for a  
fresh filling of the Holy Spirit!**

D

B

R

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