

Clarity Over Confusion

The scene has America, the land of opportunity, written all over it. The news conference is just beginning: Press people are crowded around the well-dressed person who just came in. Microphones and cameras are apparent everywhere you look. The six o'clock news team is standing by to cover the event live. Five, four, three, two ... "Can you tell us what the secret to your success is?" The question seems sophomoric, but it launches the interchange because it is on the minds of everyone there.

"I've made it because I worked hard and got the right breaks," he says. Pencils scribble on spiral pads, tape recorders are shut down, and cameras are packed to travel. Yet another success, attributed to the efforts of man that were better than average.

Is that the smart-money answer? We normally think so. But there is a different perspective that is seldom heard. It is a missing piece in the puzzle.

The Passage

1. Nebuchadnezzar's Suspicion

Daniel 4:4-18

2. Daniel's Prescription

Daniel 4:19-27

3. Nebuchadnezzar's Confusion

Daniel 4:28-33

4. God's Revelation

Daniel 4:34-35

5. Nebuchadnezzar's Conclusion

Daniel 4:36-37

6. Nebuchadnezzar's Proclamation

Daniel 4:1-3

The Principle

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Reject the notion that people can succeed apart from the sovereign hand of God.

The Process

Court Your Conscience

Solicit Your Sources

Consider Your Consequences

Protect Your Humility

Verbalize Your Dependence