

My Story

1. Have you ever been thanked for something you didn't do? Ever thanked someone else for something they didn't actually do? What happened?

Digging Deeper

2. Verse 46 does not record Daniel's reaction to the homage, offering & incense Nebuchadnezzar gave him. Were the king's actions appropriate? Should Daniel have reacted like Paul and Barnabas in Acts 14:8-18? Why/why not?
3. In verse 47, Nebuchadnezzar praises the God of Daniel. Yet, in the next 2 chapters, he exalts himself and falls under God's wrath. Did Nebuchadnezzar truly believe in God? Read Luke 8:4-15. What type of soil might Nebuchadnezzar have been?

4. In Isa. 29:13, God said His people, "come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men." What is the danger of praising God and giving gifts, like Nebuchadnezzar, but having no relationship with God?

Reflection

5. How can you tell when someone has put God at the center of their lives instead of themselves? How can we be sure we are offering God sincere faith, not just an outward show of favor?
6. What is the difference between "using" God and trusting Him? How might people seek to simply "use" God without pursuing a relationship with Him?

SERMON NOTES

Faith or Fiction? – Daniel 2:46-49

Taking the Next Step

God wants our sincere faith. Trust Him to be faithful to His promises. Take time this week to slowly read and reflect on Psalm 66. Let the psalmist's praises be your praises too.

Praises / Prayer Requests

