

What Makes a Believer? – Daniel 4:1-9

My Story

1. Have you ever met a “Topper” (a person who responds to hearing someone else’s experience or problem by immediately telling a similar story about themselves with a much more fantastic outcome)? How did you feel being around that person?

Digging Deeper

2. How does Nebuchadnezzar’s proclamation in verses 1-3 differ from what he expressed in Dan. 3:28-29?
3. How does the king’s handling of this dream (vv.4-9) differ from his handling of the earlier one (2:1-13)? How and why does the king flatter Daniel this time?

4. Why would Nebuchadnezzar turn to the same “ineffective” wise men again to seek the interpretation of his dream? Can you think of any comparable situations in the world where people keep turning to something ineffective?

Reflection

5. What is the difference between acknowledging God, and having saving faith in Him? What does James 2:19 contribute to your answer?
6. Why is it so dangerous to not put your faith in God after witnessing His great works? How can continual unbelief lead to a complete hardening of your heart towards the things of God?

SERMON NOTES

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Taking the Next Step

Do you know someone who has a hard heart towards God?
Read Ezek. 11:19, then pray for them by name. Ask God to give
them humility and a new heart towards Him.

Praises / Prayer Requests

