

THANKING THINKING

8-23-14 Message

Thanking Thinking – All I Have Is a Gift _____ from God (Dan 4:27-37)

● What did Nebuchadnezzar have?

1. A world king _____
2. A grand palace _____
3. An abundance of wealth _____ & power
4. A great advisor – Daniel _____, a prophet of God

● What did Nebuchadnezzar do in response to all he had?

1. He gave credit to himself _____ (he was thankful)
2. He did not recognize _____ and acknowledge the Lord (see Dan 1:1,2; Jer 27:6,7 – the LORD gave much into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar)

● The U.S.A.

1. History _____ attests to how our country was formed and its rise to greatness.
2. The Bible _____ attests to the real source of its formation and rise to power (Rom 13:1)
3. Do you see this country as a gift from God?

● Other blessings – start counting

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

● Are you daily thanking the Lord who is the source of all good gifts (James 1:7)

Stinking Thinking – Look at What I Do _____ Have

(Ps 37:7)

● The Psalmist warns against envy _____

1. The example of who not to envy are _____
 - a. Do believers deserve to have more than unbelievers? - _____, because all we have is undeserved.

- b. Are we to compare what we have with what other believers have? - _____, because all they have and all we have is undeserved.
- 2. What is the remedy for this stinking thinking?
 - a. R_____ in the Lord (be satisfied that you have the Lord)
 - b. Wait p_____ for Him (When the Lord comes again we will receive our inheritance – see verses 10,11)
- If you spend time
 - 1. Envy others or complaining about your situation, you will be m_____
 - 2. Thanking God for what you do have and looking forward to what God is going to give you (I Pet 1:4) – you will be h_____ and content.

Conclusion:

- God took the gifts away from Nebuchadnezzar, until he recognized the Lord as the p_____ of all he had.
- Will God have to resort to such measures to bring us to thanking thinking?

What kind of thinking will you have?