



Going Deeper Daniel 7

4 Beasts, 1 Glorified Man, and an Everlasting Kingdom

1. Daniel 7 consistently portrays an upside-down paradigm throughout its account of Daniel's vision. Daniel is revealed a great contrast between the 4 beasts and the Son of Man. One comes from the sea (chaos), the other from heaven (order). As mentioned, pride is a key characteristic to the development of a beast (Daniel 4). Where do we see this portrayed the most throughout the world, the family, or even the church?

Sin → Pride → Self Glorification

2. We see how the pride of these beasts leads them to their own destruction and how the inability to save themselves is unmatched to God, to the Son of Man. Where are we told from those around us, from our culture, that we can glorify ourselves, to have significance? What will happen if we continue to follow this culture script? How can you leverage your role (Work, parent, etc.) to flip this script?

Holiness (set apart) → Made Public = Glory

“What is it? I believe the glory of God is the going public of his infinite worth. I define the holiness of God as the infinite value of God, the infinite intrinsic worth of God. And when that goes public in creation, the heavens are telling the glory of God and human beings are manifesting his glory, because we’re created in his image, and we’re trusting his promises so that we make him look gloriously trustworthy.”

- John Piper

3. Jesus, who claims to be this Son of Man figure (80+ times!) humbles himself through the crucifixion to glorify the Father. By doing this, Christ himself is exalted and wishes to glorify us. To give us significance that will last past our earthly lives. How does experiencing the glory of God impact the people of God? How have you experienced it? If you haven't, do you want to experience it? See John 17:22 for more.

Crucifixion + Ascension = Exaltation

“When we realize that God created us to glorify Him, and when we start to act in ways that fulfill that purpose, then we begin to experience an intensity of joy in the Lord that we have never before known.”

- Wayne Grudem