

MAGNIFYING THE GREATNESS OF GOD

PASTORS' SEMINAR
BIBLE CONFERENCE
WEST CANNON BAPTIST, MI.
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INTRODUCTION

- MASSILLON'S FUNERAL SERMON FOR LOUIS XIV PREACHED IN NOTRE DAME IN A.D.1717 BEGAN WITH THE CRY: "ONLY GOD IS GREAT, ONLY GOD IS GREAT!"
- DAN 4: 37 THE APPLICATION: "THOSE WHO WALK IN PRIDE [GOD] IS ABLE TO HUMBLE."

- Five times – the ARAMAIC WORD T-QTF
- IT MEANS: “GROW MIGHTY, GROW STRONG”
- FOUND IN VSS 3, 11, 20, 22, 30
- SAME THEOLOGY IN PSALM 145: 1-13
- PS 145:13 – “YOUR KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM , AND YOUR DOMINION ENDURES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.”

I. GOD IS GREAT IN HIS WORKS –VSS 1-3

- A. AN INTERNATIONAL ALERT
 - 1. TO ALL PEOPLES
 - 2. TO ALL NATIONS
 - 3. TO ALL LANGUAGE GROUPS

- B. AN UNEXPECTED CONFESSION
 - 1. GOD HAD PERFORMED MIRACLES FOR THIS PAGAN MONARCH
 - 2. GOD'S MIRACLES WERE IMPRESSIVE
 - 3. GOD'S RULE AND REIGN INCLUDED ALL NATIONS AND ALL GENERATIONS

II. GOD IS GREAT IN HIS WARNINGS – VSS 4 - 18

- A. ALL IS RIGHT IN THE WORLD OF THIS MONARCH EXCEPT A DREAM
 - 1. HE WAS AT REST AND FLOURISHING
 - 2. HE WAS TROUBLED ONLY BY A DREAM
 - 3. SOON HE WOULD BE OUT OF HIS “TREE”

- B. A DREAM OF HUMILIATION AND TRAGEDY

- 1. IT TERRIFIED HIM _ VS 5
- 2. IT STUMPED THE WISE MEN OF HIS COURT
- 3. IT HAD MESSENGERS FROM HEAVEN GIVING THE ORDERS TO CUT DOWN THE TREE

III. GOD IS GREAT IN HIS WRATH – VSS 19 - 33

- A. THE KING WAS THAT TREE
 - 1. PROV 29: 23 “A MAN’S PRIDE WILL BRING HIM LOW”
 - 2. COCKY, PROUD, BOASTFUL, SELF-OBSSESSED MEN GOD IS ABLE TO REMIND WHO GOD IS

- B. THE DECREE IS FROM GOD

- 1. SEVEN YEARS NEBUCHADNEZZAR WILL FEED ON GRASS
- 2. HE WILL DO THIS UNTIL HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ONLY GOD IS GREAT!
- 3. DANIEL PRESSES HOME THE CALL FOR REPENTANCE: “RENOUNCE YOUR SINS; DO WHAT IS RIGHT”

EXCURSUS:

- R.C. THEOLOGIANS INCORRECTLY TEACH ON THE BASIS OF VS 27 THAT SINS CAN BE ATONED ON THE BASIS OF GOOD WORKS AND GIVING ALMS TO THE POOR.
- VERB IS: “TEAR AWAY, BREAK OFF” AS IN EXOD 32: 2; NOT “REDEEM” AS IN LXX AND VULGATE

IV. GOD IS GREAT IN ALL HIS WAYS – VSS 34 - 37

- A. HIS SANITY WAS RESTORED
 - 1. HIS PRAISE OF GOD WAS BEGUN
 - 2. HIS TESTIMONY WAS UNQUALIFIED
 - 3. HIS RESPECT FOR GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY WAS UNQUESTIONED

- B. HIS HONOR WAS RESTORED

- 1. HIS RESPECT AND DIGNITY WERE REGAINED
- 2. HIS SUCCESS WAS GREATER THAN BEFORE

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. DO YOU THINK AMERICA IS NOW WALKING IN PRIDE?
- 2. DO YOU THINK CHRIST'S CHURCH IS NOW WALKING IN PRIDE?
- 3. TO WHOM OR TO WHAT SHALL WE LIKEN OUR GREAT GOD?
- 4. WHAT OBSTACLE OR FORCE IN OUR DAY IS EQUAL TO HIM?

- “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE,
- IN LIGHT INACCESSIBLE, HID FROM OUR EYES,
- MOST BLESSED, MOST GLORIOUS, THE ANCIENT OF DAYS,
- ALMIGHTY, VICTORIOUS, THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE.”