



soul I think that almost shocked some folks last Tuesday

Oh yes, I have no doubts at all About it, that this cruel, wicked This sea-ish tyrant This king of Babylon Was eventually, at the last of his days Gloriously saved We're going to look at that experience this evening We didn't look at the experience last Tuesday We just looked at the declaration We made after this great experience And the first three verses gave us the declaration We'll read them over again tonight Nebuchadnezzar the king Unto all people, nations and languages That dwell in all the earth Peace be multiplied unto you And that's a very wonderful thing, you know That this king, this particular king Should be desiring peace For all the world I was pointing out that when we found him In the first chapter and in the second one And in the third one That he was a man of war He was

a cruel, wicked, heinous Ruler from Babylon You remember how he crossed the Syrian desert And invaded the land of Palestine And came and destroyed the city of Jerusalem And ransacked the temple Stole the golden vessels Took Zedekiah the king prisoner And flew his sons before his eyes And then gored out the king's eyes You remember how he tried to brainwash Daniel And the young princes You remember how he made this great image And demanded the world to bow And those who would refuse Would be cast into the burning fire of eternity This man was a wicked, cruel, faith, tyrant All his life A bloodthirsty monarch And now he is wanting peace for all the world Something happened to him, you see And you can see that something happened Because he said here in verse 2 I thought it good to show the

signs and wonders That the high God hath wrought toward me You know he had many gods in Babylon In fact this city was a city of idolatry And yet you know he is beginning to think of one God The high God And then this is the thing that he said last week Verse 3 How great are his signs And we looked at the greatness of his signs How mighty are his wonders And we looked at the mightiness of his wonders His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom And we looked at the everlastingness of God's kingdom And his dominion is from generation to generation We looked at the unchangeableness of God's dominion in every generation You know in this great experience The king learned many things about God That we would need to learn even now And I think there are great lessons in this experience of the king this

evening You know in verse 4 he says this I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine house and flourishing in my palace I saw a dream which made me afraid And the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me You know I want to take a moment just there before we get into the message at all I want to take a moment to bring an encouraging word For those in this class who pray for some very difficult sinners There may be mothers and fathers here and you've got children who are children no longer Big men and women now And they're away from God And they're a problem in the home and there are many difficulties surrounding them In fact sometimes you almost give up And you feel they will never be saved Now I want to point out one or two things to you about this You know it doesn't matter

who a man is God can bend him You know Nebuchadnezzar was the mighty king in this planet at that time He was the first Gentile world emperor And the whole world was at his feet And he was just the commander of all ensemble He was a Babylonian He bowed down and worshipped idols He was fierce and cruel as we have already said But let's get this into our minds It doesn't matter who a man is God can deal with him And God bent this man in the dust You'll see before this meeting is over just how greatly God bent him And I want you to notice this Nebuchadnezzar was at rest In my house there were no wars on just then He was at rest And he was flourishing in the great mighty palace of Babylon And I want to say to you dear ones who keep on praying for those unsaved friends of yours That it doesn't

matter who a person is God can bend him And secondly it doesn't matter where he is He may be far away from God tonight He may be in the very depths of the kingdom of darkness He may be as far away as the devil can take him And as dark as hell can make him He's not beyond the reach of God You know my old mother was a very ordinary old woman I don't think she had much schooling And she was poor all her life And she had a big family and she had a thousand and one problems And the greatest problem my mother ever had in this world was me I broke her heart I annoyed her more than all the other children she ever had And there were times when I was only sixteen And I was coming home stupid drunk and it meant a row in the family And I was in trouble night after night And I was running about with

boys who carried loaded revolvers and who got into trouble And I can remember my big brother hammering me one night in the corner And getting me against the wall and saying to me You'll finish on the shuffle that's where you'll finish And my mother just pulled him around and said don't you ever say that again He will finish I pray that boy into the kingdom I can remember that I know what she was talking about There's nothing too hard for God you know The things that are impossible with men Are gloriously possible with God And it doesn't matter who a man is And it doesn't matter what a man is And it doesn't matter where a man is It doesn't matter at all You know when I took a few names on a little book that I had to pray through many many years ago And I would surprise you if I told you some

of the names this evening Because some of them are sitting here but I won't do that But to encourage myself in the Lord and many a time I have preached from that To encourage myself in the Lord I went through this book and I found out seven difficult cases that God saved Could I help you if I take the time to do it Well Saul of Tarsus was a very difficult one wasn't he Actually under inspiration by the Spirit he penned these words The chief of sinners And I think maybe he was the chief of sinners You know he stood one day with a pharisee to sneer on his face Asked Stephen the man of God was stoned to death And Paul smiled And he admits himself that he got many of the saints to prison and to death Yes he was the man who was injurious and the persecutor who wasted the church of Christ The

church of God he said And when we see him first he's going down the Damascus road Breathing out slaughter and threatenings against the church He was a terrible character I can tell you mothers this tonight that God bent him in the dust He wasn't beyond God you know Oh no God saved that man And then you remember the man in the tombs don't you He was quite a character because he was indwelt by many demons Actually about 7000 of them he said A legion And this fellow every part of his being was possessed by demons He could snap chains He would tear rocks over his face and down his breast And lie out naked all night Never got the cold or anything like that he was demon possessed And I can tell you this that the Lord Jesus changed him Wasn't beyond God you know Not for a moment You know the

story of the prodigal too well don't you We woman in the meeting our blesser He came in the other night and called me aside and said Do you know where he is now He's talking about her son He's a big man He's passed off he's gone He's on his way into some den And I said listen dear We made the nearest to salvation nobody ever was before Sometimes God has to take a fellow to the shrine trough But although he goes to the shrine trough And mixes with hogs and whores God can save them you know Don't you ever limit God dear Let them know your God never mind about how you know your wee fellow Let them know your God Because God saved Saul of Tarsus And Christ changed the man in the tombs And God brought the prodigal back home Oh yes this is quite a study to go through the scriptures and do this I

think everybody knows the story of the Philippian dealer don't you He was quite a gladiator My five minutes before midnight he didn't give two hoots about God never mind He just put the evangelist into the

inner prison and slammed the door and laughed He was heathen he was a pagan He didn't even know about the name of Jesus And although he was a terrible cruel hard pagan rebel Yet God saved him I think we hadn't read these things or something Which God saved Saul of Tarsus The man in the tombs the prodigal the jailer You know about the dying thief don't you I think you know why he went the whole cosmic He nearly drowned himself Oh how but the Lord saved him Yes you know about Nicodemus don't you You know friend this is one of the most interesting studies you ever took upon yourself If you

were praying for unsaved Saul You'll remember this will you That's what this class is all about to put things into your heart You'll remember that God saved Nebuchadnezzar You'll remember that the Lord saved Saul of Tarsus The man in the tombs the prodigal the jailer the dying thief Maybe the Pharisee Nicodemus was the toughest of the crowd These religious characters are very hard to bend And if I might steal another minute just let me say this You know it's not only interesting to go through the book and see the man that God saved Impossibilities this world would say But it's good to know where he saved him Here's Saul on the road Open road Not in a back room with his hand up or signed in a card or anything like that on the road Stop them on the road there's been a lot of folks saved on

the road I'll tell you that the man in the tombs was saved in the graveyard And a lot of folks saved in the graveyard A lot of folks I could tell you stories now but it would hurt some of the folks here The lady here now and her husband and husband And when I preached at his daughter's funeral Standing there with tears in his eyes He got saved on the edge of the grave All the folks got saved in the grave And the prodigal My he got awakened up the swine trough didn't he I will arise and go to my father And the thief was saved on the cross Not too many folks saved on the cross Yes Nicodemus was saved at night The dealer was saved in the prison Oh sometimes I think I should write a book of the folks I've seen saved And the places I've seen them saved I could tell you a lot of stories You

know I went away down the Anna at Portadown Some of the ladies are here tonight Bless them who were then down the Anna when I had those meetings I'm talking about thirty years ago And Mr.

Corbett, the late Mr. Corbett went with me one day And we walked down through the Anna bridge And looked at this piece of ground I said who owns that now He said I think the fellow that's building our house Owns that bit of ground Let's go and see him Walked in through the gate The man called Gordon He comes here sometimes His wife comes too I said oh Mr.

Gordon you own this bit of ground do you He said yes I'm a servant of the Lord I'd love to come and preach the gospel here Let me put a tent on I said why Never debated it for a moment There's just one stipulation You don't ask me to go to the meeting Fair enough Give us the ground We're not bothering you if you don't want to be bothered Our fish was a long line sometimes And I walked out and in for a couple of weeks By Gordon he's always about But I never said go to the meeting He's building a house He's building a house each night And each night as I entered into the tent And crowds came And crowds went outside We had to put another tent up Two tents I just thought a little revival down there And folk could save night after night And the bold Gordon went up the ladder And sat on the

roof He was just putting the slates on So he said he was putting slates on He was putting those slates on He was listening to the meeting I don't care whether he listens outside or inside It's all the same to me But I'll tell you this That Billy Gordon was saved Sitting on the roof Of the house he now lives in That's where he was saved Up on the roof with the hammer in the hand Closed the eyes and gave his heart to God On the roof How shall we limit God You would think we had no God The way we go on We need to learn to

walk For I say It doesn't make a matter Who a man is It doesn't make a matter What a man is It doesn't make a matter Where a man is God can save him I wish we would say amen to that And get on with the job Mothers get this into your hearts Because I believe that that's what

God saved Nebuchadnezzar for Now I want you to see the king's experience There was a revelation given to him And then the interpretation was brought We look at the confirmation of the whole thing Of course last week we had the proclamation Now I want you to watch this very closely Verse 4 again I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest in mine house And flourishing in my powers I saw a dream which made me afraid You know God was talking to this character As he lay upon his bed God was using a dream on this occasion And the thoughts upon my bed And the visions of my head troubled me Therefore made I a decree to bring In all the wise men of Babylon before me That they might make known unto me The interpretation of the dream Then came in the magicians The astrologers The Chaldeans, the soothsayers And

I told the dream before them But they did not make known unto me The interpretation of it I think there's another lesson to learn there, you know Sometimes when a man is being dealt with by God You know he immediately runs to other humans And it usually puzzles him more You see the world of humans, unsaved humans They don't know your problem They don't know it's God that's dealing with your mind They don't know And humanists don't know They cannot meet a spiritual problem They don't even know Sometimes when a person is being dealt with by God They run to the doctor And I'll tell you the doctor doesn't know We've got an old Roman Catholic doctor in this town Dr.

McCaffery Many of you know McCaffery He's a great savage But again and again McCaffery rings on for me He's a Roman Catholic remember And some months ago he says Pastor are you there? McCaffery here A Roman Catholic woman here She's in a spiritual trouble I can do nothing for her Send her down to you Sent another fellow a week not very long ago Sent a young man only a few days ago Oh young fellow in his early twenties He said to him in the surgery Look do you know where you should go?

Why don't you go and see the pastor in Windsor Avenue He'll tell you what's up with you Roman Catholic doctor bless him Some of the Protestants wouldn't know what to do with him Yes I'll tell you this Sometimes it's hopeless going to humans And it's hopeless going to doctors And sometimes it's hopeless going to Christians As worse You'll remember the man That brought his little son To the disciples He was a lunatic He says he's a lunatic He falls into the river He falls into the fire The devil takes hold of him And the disciples could do nothing for him When the Lord comes down from the mount The man says I brought him to you disciples They could do nothing for him And then the Lord casts out the demon And then the disciples come creeping in the dark And say why could we not cast them out

He says because of your unbelief That's the problem isn't it We have so many unbelieving believers That's the problem Oh we're nice we've come to the meeting We have the bible We know how to find the place But we're not walking by faith That's why we would need a lecture on that Yeah this is the problem But you notice this He called in Just look at the host he called in He called in the magicians They must have been a crowd The astrologers The chaldeans The soothsayers See the crowd he brought in This it says But at the last It's very wonderfully put you know We read it too quick at times You know last of all they send for the man of God How very often that is true in present day living Very often Remember the woman that had the issue of blood In the new testament mark 5 She had this

issue of blood 12 years Do you remember how she ran to physician after physician Here and there and yonder And spent all And at the end was worse Last of all she touched Christ Now that's it Now that was her last move The dying thief It was his last moments And here it's the last man You preachers should work that out There's a whole lot more things just like that for you to find Sinners Their last moves Their last moments The last man they go to Is the man of God Oh it's a great old book in the spirit Your things are wonderful I know that we want to get on to the prophetic things But we must do the lessons as we go along But watch this Verse 8 But at the last Daniel came in before me Whose name was Belti-Shazar That was the name of a Babylonian God And Nebuchadnezzar had called Daniel

after his God But at the last Daniel came in before me Whose name was Belti-Shazar According to the name of my God And in whom is the spirit of the Holy God And before him I told the dream saying Belti-Shazar master of the magicians Because I know that the spirit of the Holy God is in me And no secret trouble see Tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen And the interpretation thereof Thus were the visions of mine heard in my bed I wanted to get the vision That's what we're after This revelation This thing that God gave to the king This is the king's experience I saw and behold a tree in the midst of the earth I want you to get this properly into your mind now Just as if you were lying down And getting it the way that Nebuchadnezzar got it He saw a tree A tree I want you to get

this phrase in In the midst of the earth It was right in the midst of the earth I saw and behold a tree in the midst of the earth And the height thereof was great The tree grew and was strong And the height thereof reached onto heaven You can see the earth You can see the tree You can see it touching heaven And the height thereof to the end of all the earth It was so gigantic and wonderful That you could see it from any part of the globe The knees thereof were fell That's a very wonderful word That's used there That's a Hebrew word It was an eclectic tree Yes It could draw men to it if you like And the fruit thereof was Thereof much, much fruit you know And in it was meat for all For all, get the words The beast through the field Its shadow under it And the fowls of the heaven Dwelt in

the boughs thereof And all flesh was fed of it I was at a place once Preaching at a big convention And I was giving the bible readings And there were several other preachers there And one young fellow got up and preached From this thing here And he said of course that Daniel was converted That Nebuchadnezzar was converted alright And it was because he had a vision of the cross I want to talk to all you young preachers And you just listen with two ears to me For a moment or two Because I don't want you to go around the world And make a fool out of yourself With your vivid imagination Because this is what he preached you see He preached that Nebuchadnezzar saw the tree The tree that was in the midst of the earth And of course I'm told And somebody must have told him too That the very socket

where the cross went into On Mount Calvary Scientists tell me that that's the dead centre of the earth I don't know but I accept it I'm sure it might well be And so he talked about the tree in the midst of the earth Talked about how it went down into the dust of death And how it touched the heavens at the same time How the trees were attracted How it could draw men How there was fruits from this tree And that the believers were the fruits of Calvary How there was meat in it for all How that even the animal creation And the birds will be blessed eventually to Calvary And I thought I was listening to the greatest rubbish I'd ever listened to Don't you ever dare to use the word of God like that That is blasphemy of the deepest God And no matter how you can fit things in And bring things over

to put them beside this Don't you ever dare to handle the word of God like that Or you could make it look smart and rich and everything What you need to do is wait on what God says is the interpretation You

can't have one of your own you know No matter how swanky it is I took them aside you see Because I work for God no matter who it upsets you know And the man that comes on this platform to preach rubbish like that He'll only get half way through the sermon Because I'll stop him That's handling the word of God deceitfully Not allowed to do that So I just took them to task and I said Alright you're making this up this is the vision Then we read on This is what Nebuchadnezzar said Verse thirteen I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed And behold a watcher And a holy one came down from

heaven He cried aloud and said thus Hew down the tree This destroying calvary Cut off its branches At the believers being severed from the work of the cross Shake off its leaves Scatter his fruit Let the beasts get away from under it And the fowls from his branches Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth Even as a band of iron and brass And the tender grass of the field Let it be wet with the dew of heaven Let its portion be with the beasts And the grass of the earth It is hard to change from man To let a beast's heart be given unto him Let seven times pass over him This matter is by the decree of the watchers And the demand by the word of the holy ones To the intent that the living may know That the most high God ruleth in the kingdom of men And giveth it to whomsoever he

will Set it up over it, the basis of man This dream, that is taking the whole thing together This dream I, King Nebuchadnezzar, have seen Now as I hold that together Declare the interpretation thereof For as much as all the wise men of my kingdom Are not able to make known unto me the interpretation But thou art able For the spirit of the holy God is in me It was a good job that Daniel wasn't as big a loony As some of the preachers That he didn't get the interpretation wrong You will find what the preacher ought to have found Before he started talking nonsense like that If you be careful about what you're saying About God's word and make sure it's the truth And not your pet ideas Because you'll be no good for God God will have to drop you Blasphemy To handle the word of God like that So

that's the dream We'll soon see what it means, alright Verse 19 Then Daniel Whose name was Belteshazzar Was astonished for one hour His thoughts troubled him The moment he saw the truth He was astonished He was troubled The king spake and said Belteshazzar let not the dream Or the interpretation thereof trouble thee Belteshazzar answered and said My lord The dream be for them that hate thee And the interpretation thereof to thine enemies You know he had heavy pardons to bring To the king, he had bad news for him He said I would rather bring it To those that hate you Or to your enemies And then he started He says the tree that thou sawst Which grew and was strong Whose height reached on to the heaven And the height thereof to all the earth Whose leaves were fair and the fruit thereof Much

and in it was meat for all Unto which the beast of the field dwelt And upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven Had their inhabitation It is thou, O king Hegemahai missed that This tree Was a vision or a picture God was giving him of himself This was as you could measure Isn't it blasphemy to bring the cross into that I think a man only needs to read And then be sensible But I think sometimes young preachers Want to be smart And you're not allowed to be smart With God's word You just say what God's word says God doesn't need you to write a book And so there's no trouble with the interpretation The tree and all that it stands for It's the king himself It is thou, O king That art grown and becomes strong For thy greatness is grown And reaches unto heaven And thy dominion to the end of

the earth And so this was heaven's picture Of Nebuchadnezzar Heaven recognized his greatness on the earth Heaven knew that he was the great emperor Heaven knew a lot of things about him But the tree is Nebuchadnezzar And we not only see heaven's picture here But I want you to get this bit in Verse 23 And thereof the king saw a watcher and an holy one Coming down from heaven and saying Choose the tree

down and destroy it Yet leave the stump of the rich thereof in the earth Even with a band of iron and brass in the tender grass of the field Let it be wet with the dew of heaven And let its portion be with the beasts of the field Till seven times pass over him You know I like this because There are two things that stand out absolutely clear There is heaven's picture Of Nebuchadnezzar And then

there is heaven's plan For Nebuchadnezzar God is going to break him down God is going to take the glory away from him God is going to bring him down into the dust of the earth God is going to break him God was planning to kill him It's God's plan that's here Mother can I speak to you again Because I think the meeting is for you this evening You've got a boy that's difficult Or a girl that's difficult Have I got it over to you that God can save them?

Can I get this bit over Maybe God's planning to save them just now God was planning to save Nebuchadnezzar God knew how he would do it It is not only God's picture It is God's plan that's here Ah but it goes a bit further than that doesn't it sir Verse 24 This is the interpretation And I defy anybody to alter that This is the interpretation O King And this is the decree of the Most High Which is come upon my Lord the King That they shall drive thee from men And thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field And they shall nick thee to eat grass as oxen And they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven And seven times shall pass over thee What's this then Till thou know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men And gives it to whomsoever he will You know that was Heaven's purpose Are

you following the story now Because it is very wonderful You can see Heaven's picture of Nebuchadnezzar You can see Heaven's plan for Nebuchadnezzar You can see Heaven's purpose God is going to take them down and bend them And break them and convert them Until he knows that the Most High rules In the kingdom of men What a wonderful thing for God to do I wish that all the sinners in this province of ours Would know this this evening That the Most High rules in the kingdom of men And gives it to whomsoever he will This province doesn't belong to white law you know He'll not give it away just to whoever he will God is still on the throne And I can tell you just now That God lives in the heavens And in the kingdom of men And God will do whatever he wants to do And nobody will stop him I wish

we all just learned the lesson This is what Nebuchadnezzar had to learn Yes this is God's picture This is God's plan This is God's purpose And it says here And whereas, verse 26 They commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots Thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee After that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule God was going to bring them back as the king again After God had broken them down and converted them Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee And break off thy sins by righteousness And thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor If it may be a lengthening of thy tranquility Now watch this very carefully All this came upon Nebuchadnezzar King Nebuchadnezzar At the end of twelve months He walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon The king spake and

said Is not this great Babylon That I have built for the house of the kingdom By the might of my power And for the honour of my majesty Walking inside just now While the word was in the king's mouth And fell a voice from heaven saying O king Nebuchadnezzar To thee it is spoken The kingdom is departed from thee And they shall drive thee from them And thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field They shall make thee to eat grass as oxen Seven times shall pass over thee Until thou know that the most high rule is in the kingdom of men And giveth it to whomever he will The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar And he was driven from men And did eat grass as oxen And his body was wet with the dew of heaven Till his hairs were grown like eagle's feathers And his nails like

blood's claws Now I want you to get this I am not keeping the class rate This is the conversion Watch Verse 34 And at the end of the days Man, God put him through the mill I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto heaven Man, it's a great moment When a poor darkened sinner lifts his eyes unto heaven Great moment You may be only nine like the wee fellow in the corner But it's a mighty moment There's a fellow in the front seat there We see him last night Just last night Bless you son He pleasantly led him to the Lord last night Yeah, wonderful thing you know Praise the Lord He's lifted his eyes to heaven last night He's looking in another direction now This is what happened to Nebuchadnezzar Watch it And mine understanding returned unto me Ah, you never get saved till you get saved My

dear friend, you were all fools The Lord saved us Watch this Mine eyes unto heaven and mine understanding returned unto me And I bless thee more thoroughly Now that's a change, isn't it?

He's away from idols now Blessing the most high And I praised and honoured him Praise Nebuchadnezzar talking In case you've missed it I praised and honoured him that liveth forever His dominion is an everlasting dominion And his kingdom is from generation to generation And all the inhabitants of the earth Are reputed as nothing before him It's in the Hebrew Reputed as nothing before him And he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth And none can stay his hand or say unto him What doest thou?

Oh, he had learned That's a confirmation of the thing, isn't it? We'll hear how he finishes it At the same time, my reason returned unto me And for the glory of my kingdom Mine honour and brightness returned unto me And my counsellors and my Lord sought unto me And I was established in my kingdom And excellent majesty was added unto me When God saves a fellow, you know He doesn't lose out, you know God blesses his home God blesses his business God blesses his future God will bless you, son Yes, we can hear the end of it Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol And honour the King of heaven All whose works are truth And his ways judgment And those that walk in pride He is able to obey What a story that is What an experience It's only just past the quarter past I'm a good boy tonight Let me go now Singing two verses Oh, 849 I think we'll sing the whole lot of it 849, amazing grace How's... 894 894 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me 894 How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost But now am found Lost for you Oh, I wish that all Who are born to you Shall have grace But few believe I've heard something That says of you He's all I've heard you be He's left me shameless For the countenance But I'm all that's become He's left me shameless For the countenance But I'm all that's become He's left me shameless For the countenance But I'm all that's become He's left me shameless But I'm all that's become When I've been there Ten thousand years But I'm all that's become I'm all that's become He's left me shameless Dear Lord, part us in thy fear And with thy blessings Take us to our homes in safety Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen Amen

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