

When the King Comes Crashing Down - Daniel 4





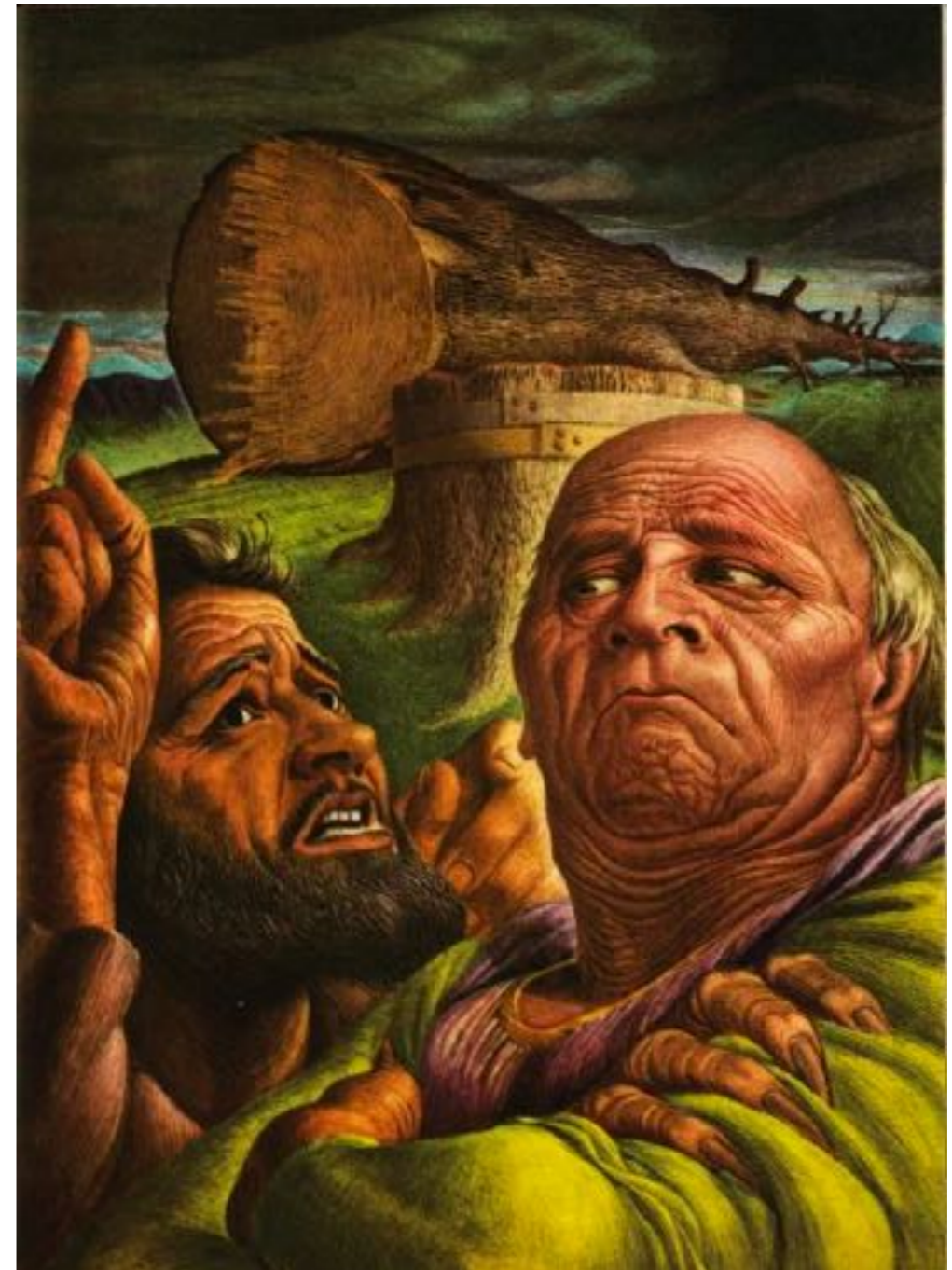
1. The King's Proclamation - 4:1-3

- The beautiful Ishtar Gate, a portion reconstructed here, was one of the main entrances to the city and directed the processional way to the great temple of Marduk. The gate's elaborate decorations displayed the symbols of the Babylonian gods believed to empower the king.



2. God Troubles Us to Get Our Attention - 4:4-18

- The tree is a symbol of Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom
- The shelter and provision of the tree reflects a great king who provides for his people



3. God Exposes Our Sin and Calls Us to Righteousness - 4:19-27

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4. God Humbles Us When We Are Arrogant and Proud - 4:28-33



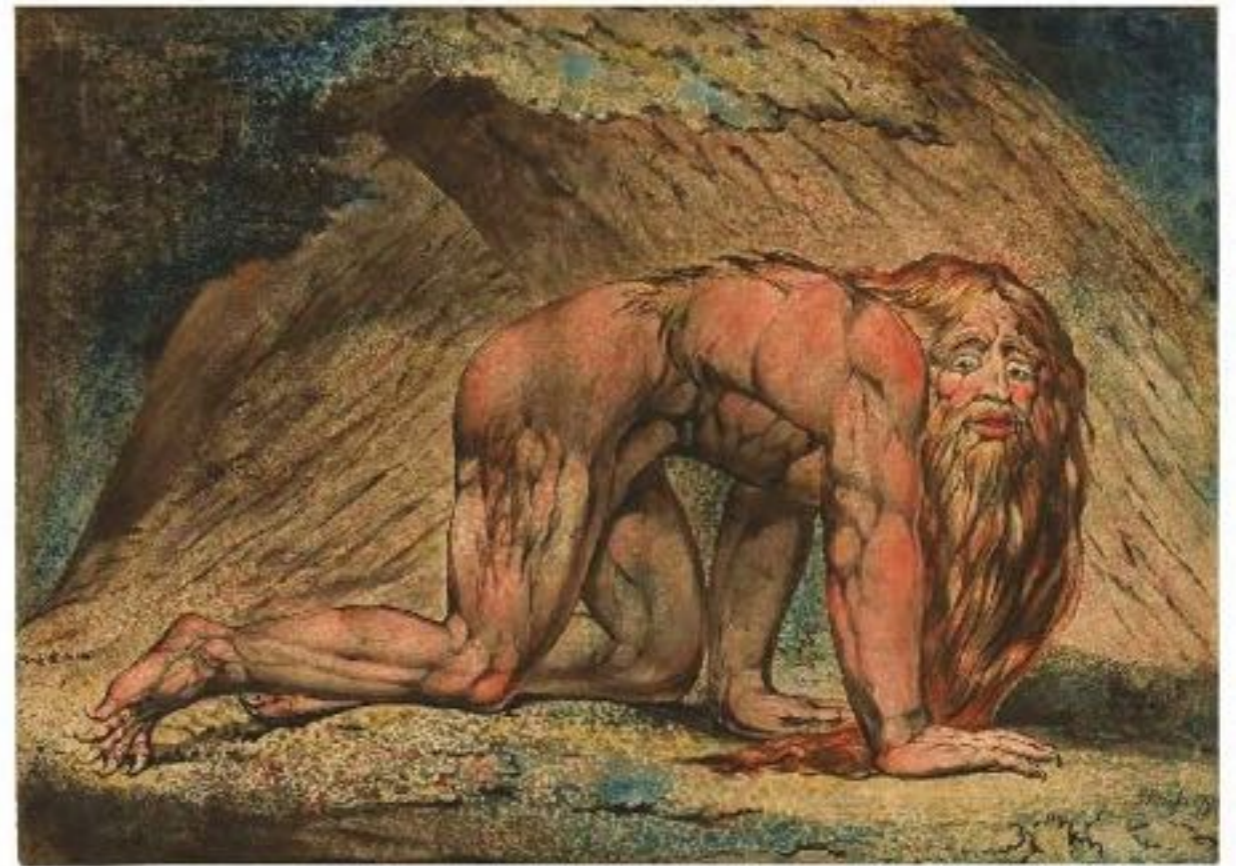
“There is one vice of which no man in the world is free; which everyone in the world loathes when they see it in others; and of which hardly any people, except some Christians, ever imagine that they are guilty themselves. There is no fault which we are more unconscious of in ourselves; and the more we have it in ourselves, the more we dislike it in others.

... As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down, you cannot see something that is above you.”

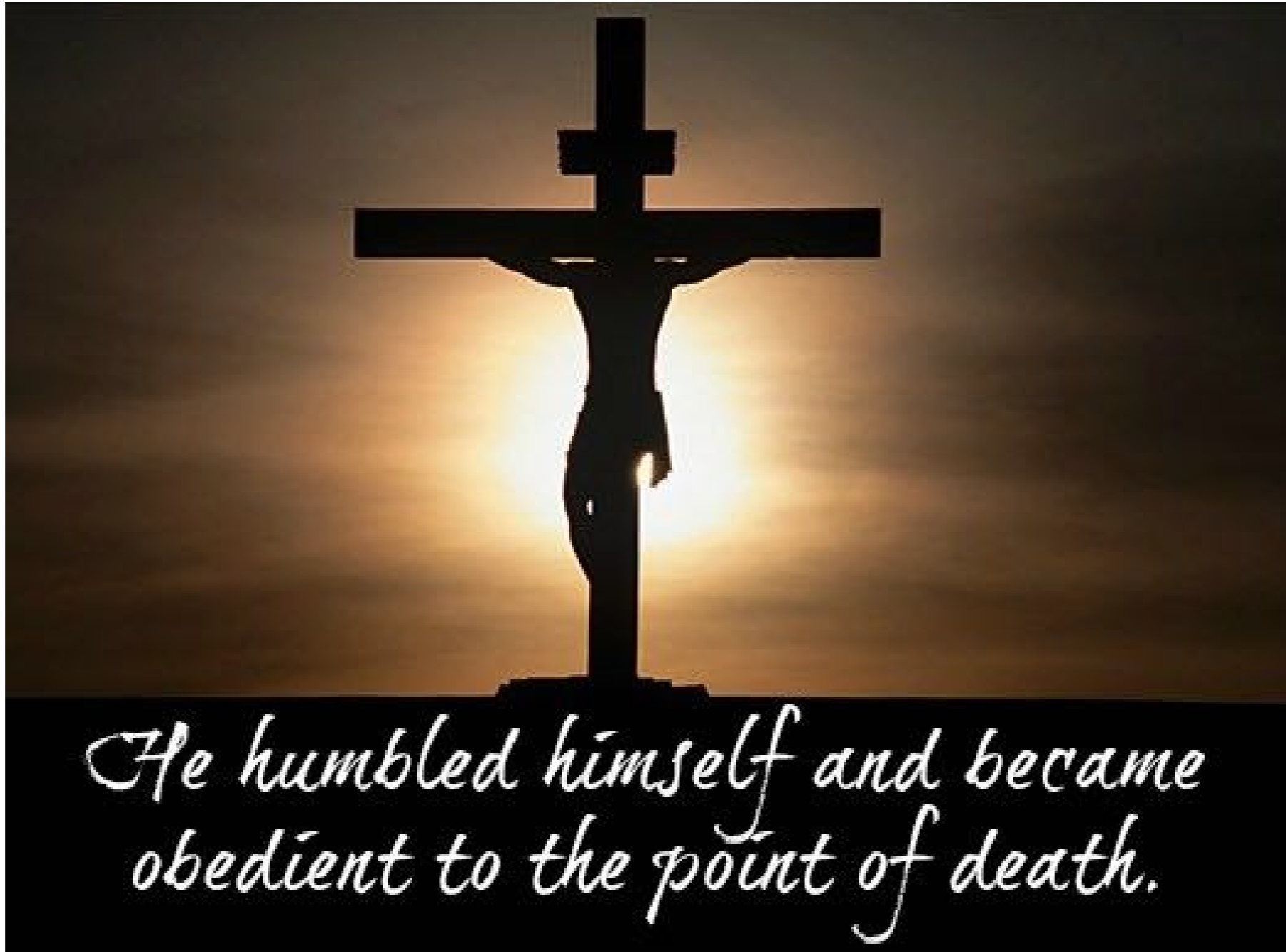
–C.S. Lewis

5. God Deserves Praise Because He Always Does What is Right - 4:34-37

- All his works are true
- His ways are just
- He is able to humble those who walk in pride



Looking to Jesus



He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death.



**The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed...
the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.
But once it is sown, it springs up
and becomes the largest of plants.**

- Mark 4:31-32



