



THE DECEPTION OF PRIDE

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Daniel 6:1–7

1. Pride opens the door to deception.

Daniel 6:8–9

Belshazzar, being greatly alarmed at the mysterious handwriting on the wall and apprehending that someone in disguise might enter the palace with murderous intent, ordered his doorkeepers to behead anyone who attempted to force an entrance that night, even though such person should claim to be the king himself. Belshazzar, overcome by sickness, left the palace unobserved during the night through a rear exit. On his return the doorkeepers refused to admit him. In vain did he plead that he was the king. They said, “Has not the king ordered us to put to death anyone who attempts to enter the palace, though he claims to be the king himself?” Suiting the action to the word, Darius grasped a heavy ornament forming part of a candelabrum, and with it, shattered his skull.

Daniel 6:10

1 Kings 8:35–36

Psalm 55:17

2. Pride always brings regret.

Daniel 6:16; Daniel 6:18

3. Pride causes spiritual blindness.

Daniel 6:23–24; John 9:6–15; John 9:18–21; John 9:24–27; John 9:39–41

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

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