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4 ¹⁻² King Nebuchadnezzar to everyone, everywhere—every race, color, and creed: "Peace and prosperity to all! It is my privilege to report to you the gracious miracles that the High God has done for me.

³ "His miracles are staggering, his wonders are surprising. His kingdom lasts and lasts, his sovereign rule goes on forever.

Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

² My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

- ³ Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise! *Selah*
- ⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion. **U**
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- ⁸ O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob! *Selah*
- ⁹ Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

- ¹⁰ For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
- ¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

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¹⁸ "This is the dream that I, King Nebuchadnezzar, had. Now, Belteshazzar, tell me what it means, for none of the wise men in my kingdom can interpret it for me. But you can, because the spirit of the holy gods is in you."

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Daniel 4v8

"Finally, Daniel came into my presence and I told him the dream. (He is called Belteshazzar, after the name of my god, and the spirit of the holy gods is in him.)- Nebuchadnezzar was pleased to see Daniel."

Daniel 4v19

"Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you." Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! "

Colossians 3 : 12- 17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Daniel 4v28

"All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

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Daniel 4v34 At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵ All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases

with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: "What have you done?"

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Daniel 4v37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar,
praise and exalt and glorify the
King of heaven, because
everything he does is right and all
his ways are just. And those who
walk in pride he is able to humble."

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Phillipians 2

2 Therefore if you have any encouragement
from being united with Christ, if any comfort
from his love, if any common sharing in the
Spirit, if any tenderness and
compassion, **2** then make my joy
complete by being like-minded, having the
same love, being one in spirit and of one
mind.

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3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain
conceit. Rather, in humility value others
above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own
interests but each of you to the interests of
the others.**5** In your relationships with one
another, have the same mindset as Christ
Jesus:

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6 Who, being in very nature **1** God,
did not consider equality with
God something to be used to his own
advantage; **7** rather, he made himself
nothing by taking the very nature **1** of a
servant, being made in human likeness.
8 And being found in appearance as a man,

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he humbled himself by becoming obedient
to death— even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest
place and gave him the name that is above
every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow, in heaven and on
earth and under the earth, **11** and every
tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.