

# Unshakeable

## **When God tests you with success.**

Suffering... you might lean towards God  
Success ... maybe tend more to rely on yourself, and forget God.

The purity of silver and gold is tested by putting them in the fire. The purity of a human heart is tested, by giving it a little bit of fame

### **Proverbs 27:21**

Any form of success will test our heart.

**Nebuchadnezzar has had another dream**, only Daniel can interpret it.

Nebuchadnezzar is like a large tree, with great influence.  
The tree will be cut down and painfully restricted.  
Nebuchadnezzar will live like an animal and eat grass.

Unless ... he changes his ways, becomes kinder and begins to honour God properly.

### **12 months later, no change from Nebuchadnezzar.**

He is out on the palace roof, elevated, high and mighty, focussed on his own achievements

We all know, rising high takes some effort.

God needs people who rise high, with status, authority, resources, responsibility.

It's only bad if you come to the wrong conclusions when you are up there!

Only bad when you start to take all of the credit and forget about God.

Pride comes to the surface, no praise to God, no honour for God.

Pride creeps into all of our lives.

The test of success, Can we honour God for all that we have?

Pride pushes God out of our lives, it's like we have "lost the plot" !

### **God demonstrates to Nebuchadnezzar how very ordinary he actually is.**

God brings him down a peg or two, he tastes the bitterness of living like an animal.

Our own pride can cause us to taste bitterness, we can lose the plot!

We push God out of our experience when we become focussed on ourselves.

We are not created for debased living, we are created to worship!

### **We can come to our senses!**

It's the test of success, praising God, recognising everything we have comes from Him!