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Bruce D. Hales

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Re: A Personal Appeal from LJC to BDH

Dear Bruce,

I have been thinking over your ministry in Boston in October 2014 covering Daniel and reconciliation. King Nebuchadnezzar had had the last word in everything and despite living a life of luxury externally, he was internally in turmoil.

God overruled to ensure that He eventually had the last word. This eventually brought King Nebuchadnezzar to his senses. He became a broken man. He was no longer great.

King Nebuchadnezzar demonstrated real maturity by accepting his true position before God. He had surrendered and acknowledged that what God had done to him was right. It was actually the kindness of God that had cut the king down to size by causing him to lose his wealth and even his mind so that he might gain his soul.

The cutting is painful but for our good, especially when it deals with our self-confidence.

Christ has anyway gone before and stepped into our shame by taking it on Himself and being cut down and humiliated on our behalf. He took on our punishment so that we can be pruned rather than punished.

Herein lies my appeal to you, Bruce. Let's provide a basis for reconciliation through repentance.

Yours in Christ,

Your forgiven sinner and friend,

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