

September 9 Answers

- 1) Toward the end of his life, God gave Nebuchadnezzar a **dream** which warned him to turn from his sin and **pride** (Dan 4:27). At first, Nebuchadnezzar seemed to obey God's command, but a **year** later, he looked out over the city of Babylon and took credit for its greatness. In that moment, God struck him with **madness**, and he lived like a beast until the period of time was over. Then his reason returned and his kingdom with it, and he glorified God as the one true God. His last words are an important lesson to us: "He is able to **humble** those who walk in pride" (Dan 4:37). Far better to humble ourselves and submit to God's will, than exalt ourselves and be **cast** to the ground (Ps 147:6). Jehoiachin was released after **37** years in prison! Just when we had all but forgotten him, God remembered and gave him **mercy**. What wonderful grace! Even in the midst of judgment, God is willing to forgive and **restore** those who humble themselves in repentance.