



(The Supreme Kingdom)

Daniel 5

Main Idea

A non-humbled heart produces an unfulfilled destiny

Ice Breaker

1. Tell a time of one of your most frightening experiences in your life.
2. Who do you know that is good at solving things (Ex. puzzles, riddles, crosswords, etc.)?

Discussion Questions

1. Reading verse 1-4; what is your initial impression of King Belshazzar?
2. When do you find yourself working extra hard to impress the people around you and is it a good thing or bad thing?
3. What sin has King Belshazzar added to his father King Nebuchadnezzar (v. 2-4)?
How is this an insult to God?
4. What does King Belshazzar's reaction to the mysterious light disclose about him (v. 5-10)?
5. Looking at Daniel 5:5-6, 11-12; how does one need to live in order to have a reputation like Daniel's?
6. Daniel was referred to as having the "Spirit of the Holy God" in him (v. 11). In order to be like Daniel we must be open to the Spirit's influence in our life.
In your life, how do you sometimes resist the Holy Spirit?

Application

1. Daniel refused the gifts that King Belshazzar was going to give him for interpreting the writing on the wall. Daniel's life has been characterized by doing right. Knowing this, doing right should be our first priority and not gaining rewards or power.
Do you love God enough to do what is right although it may mean giving up personal rewards?
2. Often kings would kill the people who brought them bad news. However, Daniel was not afraid to tell the king the truth of what he needed to hear (v. 22-28).
Let us learn from the example from Daniel to tell the truth no matter what under pressure

Bottom Line

Your reputation can be based on your humility towards others. Therefore, live in humility before God!