

**Backbone
Week 4**

Daniel 5:5-6 ⁵ Suddenly, they saw the fingers of a human hand writing on the plaster wall of the king's palace, near the lampstand. The king himself saw the hand as it wrote, ⁶ and his face turned pale with fright. His knees knocked together in fear and his legs gave way beneath him.

Daniel 5:14 I have heard that you have the spirit of the gods within you and that you are filled with insight, understanding, and wisdom.

Does your reputation say that you are a person filled with the spirit of God?

Daniel 5:17 Daniel answered the king, "Keep your gifts or give them to someone else, but I will tell you what the writing means.

Daniel can't be bought or persuaded to compromise, WHY BECAUSE HE HAS THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN HIM!

- Serving and honoring God isn't about what I get out of it, but about how God is elevated because of it.

Daniel 5:18-21 ¹⁸ "Your Majesty, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. ¹⁹ Because of the high position he gave him, all the nations and peoples of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty (arrogant) spirit before ^[a]a fall.

What God did to Nebuchadnezzar he can also do and will do if necessary to you and me.

Daniel 5:21 until he learned that the Most High God rules over the kingdoms of the world and appoints anyone he desires to rule over them.

- Nebuchadnezzar lived in that place of despair, a place of hopelessness until he chose to surrender his life, and acknowledge that God has power over everything and everyone.

Daniel 5:25-28:.... Mene, mene, tekel, and Parsin. ²⁶ This is what these words mean:

- ***Mene*** means ‘numbered’—God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end.
- ²⁷ ***Tekel*** means ‘weighed’—you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up.
- ²⁸ ***Parsin*** means ‘divided’—your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Philippians 2:10-11 says, ... every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Daniel 6:6-9 So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, “Long live King Darius! ⁷ We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. ⁸ And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked.” ⁹ So King Darius signed the law.

True Christ followers will remain faithful no matter what

Daniel 6:16-22 ¹⁶ So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, “May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you.” ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn’t sleep at all that night.

¹⁹ Very early the next morning, the king got up and hurried out to the lions’ den. ²⁰ When he got there, he called out in anguish, “Daniel, servant of the living God! Was your God, whom you serve so faithfully, able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel answered, “Long live the king! ²² My God sent his angel to shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, for I have been found innocent in his sight. And I have not wronged you, Your Majesty.”

Daniel 6:26-27 “I decree that everyone throughout my kingdom should tremble with fear before the God of Daniel. For he is the living God, and he will endure forever. His kingdom will never be destroyed, and his rule will never end. ²⁷ He rescues and saves his people; he performs miraculous signs and wonders in the heavens and on earth. He has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.”