



NO LIMITS

WITH PASTOR DELMAN

DON'T
WORRY
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A THING

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Daniel 5:1-31

INTRODUCTION

Across this nation, worry and anxiety are beginning to set in and take root in the hearts and minds of the American people. Anxiety has moved from the margins of our private thoughts to the center of our public life. Americans of all backgrounds are living under a constant, crushing weight of worry about the economy, worry about health, worry about democracy, and worry about what the future holds. But the passage before us in this message reminds us that this is not the first time God's people have lived under anxiety. It is not the first time humanity has faced chaos, corruption, and abuse of power. Daniel 5 teaches us who God is and how God works when it comes to rulers, kings, presidents, and politicians. It shows us that when power is abused, God is still sovereign, and God's people do not have to worry.

KEY POINTS

1. God Controls the Clock (Mene)

The first word written on the wall was "Mene," written twice. It means, "God has numbered your days." God was telling King Belshazzar that his time was up and his reign of terror was coming to an end. Mene comes from an Aramaic word tied to measurement and time. God is the keeper of time. Nothing lasts beyond what God limits.

While God was telling Belshazzar that Babylon's time was ending, God was simultaneously telling Israel that restoration was coming. One clock was winding down, and another clock was winding up. God can bring down the arrogant while lifting up the humble. He can stop one thing while starting another. The same God who wrote Mene on the wall is declaring that whatever is troubling, torturing, or tormenting God's people has an expiration date. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy is coming. Because God controls the clock, we don't have to worry.

2. God Monitors the Scale (Tekel)

The second word on the wall was "Tekel," which means, "You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting." God placed Belshazzar on the scale of justice, and he came up short. The issue was not only wickedness but foolishness.

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God's scales never lie. When injustice, immorality, and abuse of power are weighed, judgment follows. God hears the cries of suffering people, just as He heard Israel in Egypt, and He responds. Tekel reminds us that God monitors the scale of justice, and unjust leadership will be held accountable. God sees, God hears, and God judges rightly, so God's people do not have to be anxious.

3. God Has the Final Word (Peres)

The final word written on the wall was "Peres," meaning, "Your kingdom is divided." God declared that Babylon would fall and power would shift. God did not need armies or weapons. He wrote a new future into existence.

Daniel chapter 5 begins with Belshazzar in power, but it ends with Darius taking over. The chapter starts in fear but ends in hope. It begins with pessimism and closes with promise. God's people don't just live by four seasons. We live by five: spring, summer, fall, winter, and due season. In due season, God turns things around. In due season, God heals, restores, and redeems. God has the final word about governments, circumstances, health, ministry, and the future. Because God is still writing, we don't have to worry about a thing.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Where do you most feel the weight of worry or anxiety right now, and how does Daniel 5 challenge the way you view those fears?
2. What does it mean for you personally to trust that God controls the clock, even when injustice or chaos seems to go unchecked?
3. How does knowing that God has the final word shape the way you live, hope, and remain faithful in uncertain times?
