

Daniel 5

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Scripture

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Overview

This is a story of the contrast between two people of similar names. One was King and one was a servant. One worshipped himself and one worshipped God Almighty. One dishonoured God by the use of the sacred cups and praising other gods; but the other one served continuously, endured faithfully and was always ready. What can we learn from them?

The King failed to recognise who God was and in a drunken feast failed to respond to a gracious God in repentance. Daniel failed to moan, get angry or criticise when he was not in the midst of the action.

The King was weak and buckled; Daniel was confident in God and spoke strong words of condemnation when asked.

The King was killed; Daniel was honoured

Questions

Belshazzar

1. **How do we ensure we treat the things of God with honour?** Take a selection from the list and discuss
 - His word
 - Breaking of bread
 - His worship – private and public.
 - Your body
 - Other Christians
 - Your self

Beltshazzar (Daniel)

2. Daniel had to live through a time where he was sidelined; share examples of where you felt the same and what you did (good or bad)
3. In what ways did Daniel remain faithful and, in a changing world, how do we remain faithful in our everyday lives?
4. How can we always remain ready to be used by God?