

**THE MOST HIGH GOD IS ABLE TO  
HUMBLE THOSE WHO WALK IN PRIDE**



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*Discussion questions  
for your small group*

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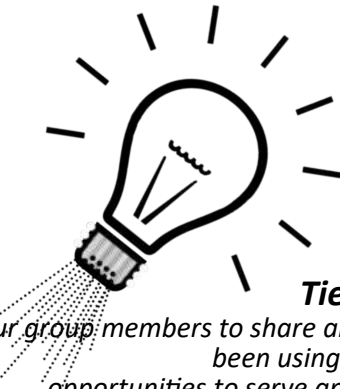
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*In preparation for next week's teaching:*

***Next week we will consider how Daniel and his friends are models for us, living for God in a hostile culture, MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY.***

Read Daniel 5. This chapter deals with the last year of Belshazzar's reign. Nebuchadnezzar reigned from 605-562. Nabonidus from 556-539. Belshazzar was a co-regent from 550-539.

When the text says "father" (vv.2,11,13,18) it may mean "predecessor." Belshazzar wanted to emphasize his tie to the golden age of Nebuchadnezzar. In verse 10, the reference to the "queen" seems likely to refer to the "queen mother".

To what incident do verses 20-21 refer? Is Belshazzar held accountable to have learned from history? Are there lessons your parents or grandparents learned from God that you are not actively remembering?

In verse 23 we see reference to the vessels from the Temple in Jerusalem. Look back to chapter 1 and find where they are mentioned there. What does Belshazzar's treatment of these vessels tell us about the level of honor he gave to the Most High God?

In verse 30 we read about Darius. History makes clear that Cyrus was already king of Persia. Some try to reconcile this by saying Darius was Cyrus' Babylonian throne name. Others think that Darius was the general who headed up the conquest and was put in charge for a year or so.

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