

SEEK HIM WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND!

Bright Lights in a Dark World: Daniel - 8

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Text: Daniel 5:1-31

Theme: God's patience has limits.

Belshazzar Blasphemed

"Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone." (Daniel 5:2-4)

He Sneered

"Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah." (Daniel 5:13)

He Rebelled

"And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven." (Daniel 5:21-23)

He Died

"That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed." (Daniel 5:30)

Only in Christ is There Safety From God's Just Anger

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

"... and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

Discussion

- 1) What was your main takeaway from the sermon?
- 2) Are Christians today more prone to underemphasize divine judgment or overemphasize it? Justify your answer.
- 3) The doctrine of divine judgment for sin is very unpopular. What can we do to help people come to terms with it?
- 4) How confident are you that you have peace with God? What is the basis for your confidence?