

“The Writing is on the Wall”

Daniel Message Series Week 5

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What do we learn about God from this story in Daniel?

- 1. God is sovereign.** (Daniel 5:18, 21, 26, 28)

Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might...To you, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise, for you have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's matter.”

Daniel 2:20, 23

You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18, NIV

Implication: Because God is sovereign, He deserves all the credit for the success and blessings in my life.

2. God will not be mocked. (Daniel 5:23)

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8

“Whenever God brings a man to the end of himself, smashing all his props and wasting his idols, it is a favourable moment indeed. If he will but see it.”

Daniel L. Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Daniel*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2017, p. 61.

Implication: Because God will not be mocked, I must kill my sin.

3. God will judge. (Daniel 5:26-31)

“There is no human wall so high, no human accomplishment so great, that it is secure against the judgment of God.’ (*The Gospel According to Daniel*, 97). Belshazzar is about to learn how true this is. Indeed, we all should learn how true this is before it is too late. After all, there is a Belshazzar lurking in all of our hearts. We all need God to deliver us from us!”

Daniel L. Akin, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in Daniel*, B&H Publishing Group, Nashville, TN, 2017, p. 58.

Implication: Because God will judge, I need Christ.