



## Daniel 5

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Main Idea: The Lord will bring His judgment on the unrepentant and His mercy on the humble.

1. Describe a traumatic experience that affected you to the point where you cried out to God to wield His righteous judgment? What helped you on your healing journey to recover from that trauma?
2. Read verses 1-4. What was it about Belshezzar's behavior that made it so repulsive to God? What does desecration look like in our world?
3. Read verses 5-16. Why is 80 year old Daniel such a wonderful example to us of what it means to live in exile? Why do you think God used such an unusual way such as writing on a wall to communicate his judgment on Belshezzar?
4. Read verses 17-28. Compare and contrast Nebuchadnezzar and Belshezzar? Why was Daniel so exasperated when he said to Belshezzar, "though you knew all this" in verse 22?
5. What resonates most with you when you read the writing on the wall? (vv. 26-28)
6. Read verses 29-31. How do these verses reveal both God's judgment and God's mercy?

7. Dan listed two real life lessons from the writing on the wall
  - A. Security built on human achievement won't last
  - B. Unrepented attitudes and actions invite trouble

Which of these two life lessons relate most to you? Why?

8. In your own words, what does it mean to repent? The blood of Christ on the cross spells out a warning to us all. What is the blood of Christ saying to you today?

- A. Come to Christ
- B. Come back to Christ
- C. Open every part of your heart

9. What is one step for you to run to Jesus this week?

*“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24*