

# Message Notes

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*No Matter What: Humility*  
Daniel 5  
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Now I, Nebuchadnezzar praise, exalt, and glorify the King of heaven, because all His works are true and His ways are just. **He is able to humble those who walk in pride.** (Daniel 4:37)

- ◆ Daniel Chapter 5 is an example for those who walk in \_\_\_\_\_, and shows us that *No Matter What* we think, God is in \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

## Belshazzar's Pride:

While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them...As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. (Daniel 5:2 & 4)

- ◆ The goblets were brought out as a way to remember the king's \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ The king was declaring that with his \_\_\_\_\_, he had a firm \_\_\_\_\_ on God.
- ◆ Like the king, we have placed our confidence in \_\_\_\_\_ things than God.

## Daniel's Rebuke:

But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. (Daniel 5:22-23a)

- ◆ Belshazzar: ① \_\_\_\_\_ the truth. ② \_\_\_\_\_ against God.
- ③ Worshipped \_\_\_\_\_ gods. ④ \_\_\_\_\_ his life.
- ◆ The handwriting on the wall is a \_\_\_\_\_ for us too.

## The Writing on the Wall:

- ◆ Mene = your days are \_\_\_\_\_. (James 4:14)
- ◆ Tekel = you have been \_\_\_\_\_ and found wanting. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- ◆ Parsin = your kingdom will be \_\_\_\_\_. (Mt. 6:19-21)

## The Great Sin – Pride: (Ps. 101; Prov. 8:13, 16:5; 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 6:3; James 4:6)

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ = when sinful human beings aspire to the status and position of God and refuse to acknowledge their dependence on Him. (C.J. Mahaney)
- ◆ As long as you are \_\_\_\_\_, you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ God. (CS Lewis; Mt. 5:3)
- ◆ The anecdote to pride is \_\_\_\_\_: honestly assessing ourselves in light of God's holiness and our sinfulness. (Ps. 25:9, 149:4; Phil. 2:3-11; 1 Pet. 5:6)
- ◆ Will I \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge God is in control of my life?

# How To Weaken Pride And Cultivate Humility

A List of Suggestions

**Always:** Reflect on the wonder of the cross of Christ

## **As Each Day Begins:**

- Begin your day by acknowledging your dependence on God and your need of God.
  - Begin your day expressing gratefulness to God.
- Practice the spiritual disciplines – prayer, study of God's Word, worship. Do this consistently each day and at the day's outset, if possible.
- Seize your commute time to memorize and meditate on Scripture.
- Cast your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.

## **As Each Day Ends:**

- At the end of the day, transfer the glory to God.
- Before going to sleep, receive this gift of sleep from God and acknowledge His purpose for sleep.

## **For Special Focus:**

- Study the attributes of God
- Study the doctrines of grace
  - Study the doctrine of sin
  - Play golf as much as possible
- Laugh often, and laugh often at yourself

## **Throughout Your Days and Weeks:**

- Identify evidences of grace in others
- Encourage and serve others each and every day
  - Invite and pursue correction
  - Respond humbly to trials

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