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1. THE PERIL OF THE GODLESS. Vs. 1-16

A. HIS INFLUENCE. Vs. 1-4

“Belshazzar the king held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles, and he was drinking wine in the presence of the thousand.” vs. 1

“Her priests have done violence to My law and have profaned My holy things; they have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they hide their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.” Ezek. 22:26

“When Belshazzar tasted the wine, he gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, in order that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them.” vs. 2

“They drank the wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone.” vs. 4

B. GOD'S INTERVENTION. Vs. 5-6

“Suddenly the fingers of a man’s hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing. Then the king’s face grew pale, and his thoughts alarmed him; and his hip joints went slack, and his knees began knocking together.” vs. 5-6

“And He, when he comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in me.” John 16:8-9

“And as he was discussing righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come, Felix became frightened and said, ‘Go away for the present, and when I find time, I will summon you.’” Acts 24:25

C. HIS INSENSITIVITY. Vs. 7-9

“The king called aloud to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the diviners...” vs. 7

“Then King Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his face grew even paler, and his nobles were perplexed.” vs. 9

D. HIS IGNORANCE. Vs. 10-12

“The queen entered the banquet hall...” vs. 10a

“...Do not let your thoughts alarm you or your face be pale. There is a man in your kingdom in whom is a spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of your father, illumination, insight, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods were found in him...” vs. 10b-11

“And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.” 2 Cor. 4:3-4

“And He said, ‘Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on listening, but do not perceive; keep on looking, but do not understand. Render the hearts of this people insensitive, their ears dull, and their eyes dim, lest they see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and return and be healed.’” Isa. 6:9-10

2. THE PRINCIPLED MAN OF GOD. Vs. 13-28

A. FOCUSED ON THINGS ABOVE.

“Then Daniel answered and said before the king, ‘Keep your gifts for yourself, or give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription to the king and make the interpretation known to him.’” vs. 17

“And as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.” Dan. 1:17

“Choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.” Heb. 11:25-26

B. FAITHFULLY PROCLAIMED THE TRUTH. Vs. 18-21

“O king, the Most High God granted sovereignty, grandeur, glory, and majesty to Nebuchadnezzar your father.” vs. 18

“But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit became so proud that he behaved arrogantly, he was deposed from his royal throne, and his glory was taken away from him.” vs. 20

“He was also driven away from mankind, and his heart was made like that of beasts...until he recognized that the Most High God is ruler over the realm of mankind and that He sets over it whomever He wishes.” vs. 21

“The wicked will return to Sheol, even all the nations who forget God.” Ps. 9:17

**C. FEARLESSLY BROUGHT THE TRUTH TO THE
POINT. Vs. 22-28**

“Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you know all this, but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines have been drinking wine from them; and you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which do not see, hear or understand. But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and your ways, you have not glorified.” vs. 22-23

“Then the hand was sent from Him, and this inscription was written out.” vs. 24

“Now this is the inscription that was written out: ‘MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.’ This is the interpretation of the message: ‘MENE’—God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.” vs. 25-26

“‘TEKEL’—you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.” vs. 27

“PERES’—your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.” vs. 28

“That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain. So Darius the Mede received the kingdom at about the age of sixty-two.” vs. 30-31

“The kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.”

Matt. 13:44

“For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.” 2 Tim. 1:12

APPLICATION FOR ME:

The day is approaching when you will be placed on God's scale.

When God slaps you sober, it's best to repent.

God's grace alone is more than enough to make you righteous.

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Cor. 5:21

If you know the Savior, you've been called to be His ambassador.

You're not too old.

The Lord is able to keep you.

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