



Faith and Love C.O.G.I.C
Bible Band

Lesson 7 July 14, 2026
BELSHAZZAR, THE KING WHO
DISRESPECTED GOD

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Background Reading:

- ❖ Numbers 32:23
- ❖ Proverbs 14:34
- ❖ Mark 4:22
- ❖ Luke 12:2
- ❖ James 1:14-15
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 16:11

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ Daniel 5:1-6, 25-31

Guided Questions

1. How did King Belshazzar disrespect God?
2. How did they end up with the golden vessels?
3. Why does God chasten His children?
4. How did God show His anger to the King?
5. Who let the King know that Daniel could interpret the dream?

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Background Reading

Numbers 32:23 But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out.

Proverbs 14:34 Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

Mark 4:22 For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.

Luke 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

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James 1:14-15

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

1 Corinthians 16:11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 5:1-6

- 1** Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand.
- 2** Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.
- 3** Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.
- 4** They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 5:1-6

5 In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another.

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Devotional Reading

Daniel 5:25-31

25 And this is the writing that was written, Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin.

26 This is the interpretation of the thing: Mene; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it.

27 Tekel; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

28 Peres; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.

31 And Darius the Median took the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

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Central Verse

1 Peter 2:17 (KJV)

“Honor all men, love the brotherhood. Fear God, Honor the King.”

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INTRODUCTION

Words have incredible power. They can uplift, encourage, and bring healing. However, when spoken without thought, they can also wound deeply and cause lasting hurts. Disrespect can harm relationships, cause division, and dishonor God's command to love one another.

Respect and honor are obligations we owe to others. Each person must recognize people's roles and treat them appropriately, whether it's leaders, elders, or peers. Showing respect reflects integrity and obedience to God. Respect fosters trust and unity in our communities. God told His people that He is a jealous God and He does not want them to show more honor and respect to anyone else above Him. The Lord tells believers to honor and respect others, always show love, and honor the king.

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DISCUSSION

The Babylon Provinces lasted 44 years under Nebuchadnezzar, but when he died, his grandsons began to rule. Sometimes, the next generation does not have the commitment to God that the forefathers had. God had dealt with Nebuchadnezzar, and he had come to the realization that there was no God greater than the God that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego served. Now, many years later Belshazzar, one of Nebuchadnezzar's successors, had lost respect for the God of Heaven and gave a feast for one thousand of his noblemen. While Belshazzar was drinking wine, he gave orders for the servants to bring in the gold and silver cups that his predecessor Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. He wanted to drink from them. So, these golden vessels that were taken from the House of God in Jerusalem were brought in so that the King, his nobles, his wives, and his concubines could drink from them. While they were drinking from the golden vessels, they began to praise their false gods-idols made of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

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DISCUSSION

While they were using these vessels from the temple, they were disrespecting the God of the Universe. God is angry with the wicked every day. It was a wicked thing for Belshazzar to order these vessels to be brought to his feast and be used to hold unholy drinks in them. For this showed great disrespect to God. King Belshazzar made fun of the one, true God by using the special cups that were designed only for worshipping the Lord. The King didn't care that he was disrespecting God. He didn't care that he was defying God. He was the king and he did not expect anyone to punish him for his actions. God always punishes sin; for the wages of sin is death. Sometimes, people in authority think they can do anything that they want to do and get away with it, but it is not so. The Word of the Lord warns people to be sure their sins will find them out ([Numbers 32:23](#)).

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DISCUSSION

Sometimes believers think that they can sin and get away with it, but that is not true. God will not allow the believer to get away with sin. God knows the danger of allowing sin to linger and fester in the hearts of His children. When they became God's children, He took away the sin of unbelief and knitted the believers to Him. The believer became His child, and He took away the punishment of their sin because they were no longer separated from Him. He just wants to be the believer's loving Father, who wants what's best for His children. So, when His children disobey, the Lord reaches out with punishment. Those whom the Lord loves, He chastens. Foolish Belshazzar thought that he could do as he pleased and nothing would happen to him.

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DISCUSSION

Suddenly, the people who were at the feast, drinking and disrespecting God and the things of God, saw the fingers of a human hand writing on the plaster wall of the King's palace, near the lampstand. The King himself saw a hand as it wrote, and his face turned pale with fright. His knees knocked together in fear and his legs gave way beneath him.

The King cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers.

Belshazzar told the wise men of Babylon that whichever of them could read this writing and show him the interpretation would be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold around his neck and would be the third ruler in the kingdom, but they were unable to interpret the message.

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CONCLUSION

This caused the King great distress, so much so that the Queen came into the banquet house and said, "Oh king live forever: let not thy thoughts trouble you, nor let thy countenance be changed" (Daniel 5:10). She told him that there was a man in his kingdom, in whom was the spirit of the holy gods, and in the days of Belshazzar's father, light, understanding, and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him. She told him that this was a man whom his father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers. She told the King that Daniel had an excellent spirit and knowledge and understanding when it came to interpreting dreams and dissolving doubts, so if the King called him, he would interpret.

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CONCLUSION

Daniel was sent for and he came forth and let the King know that he didn't want the gifts but that he would interpret. Daniel let Belshazzar know that because he had lifted up his heart in pride and disrespected God, God was dealing with him. This is the interpretation of the thing: Mene means, "God has numbered thy kingdom and finished it." Tekel means, "Thou art weighed in the balance, and art found wanting." Peres means, "Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Persians."

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CONCLUSION

When he was done with the interpretation, they clothed Daniel with scarlet and put a gold chain around his neck and proclaimed him to be the third ruler in the kingdom. That night King Belshazzar was slain.

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ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

**Your punishment will be greater than your
disrespect.**

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Daniel's Prayer Life