

Living in Babylon: “Found Wanting”

Daniel 5: 17-31

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1 Hand in the Cookie Jar

“King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them.” Daniel 5: 1

- The lazy lure of pleasure
- The maturing ugliness of evil

“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.” Daniel 5: 2

- Lost lessons from our parents

“When his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride, he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory.” Daniel 5: 20

2 Hand on the Wall

“Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall.” Daniel 5:5

- I can’t see you God, so I guess you are not there
“You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in His hand your life and all your ways.” Daniel 5: 23

- God’s living scale of justice

God’s Righteousness balanced with human heart and works

- Our choices have real consequences
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3 Hands on the Cross

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- Hand of mercy - forgiveness
- Hand of grace- free gift