

Daniel: Living with Conviction in an Age of Compromise

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Daniel 5:1-6, 8 (ESV) - King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. ² Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. ³ Then they brought in the golden vessels that had been taken out of the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines drank from them. ⁴ They drank wine and praised the gods of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone. ⁵Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, opposite the lampstand. And the king saw the hand as it wrote. ⁶Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together... ⁸Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or make known to the king the interpretation.

Daniel 5:13-14 (ESV) - Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king answered and said to Daniel, "You are that Daniel, one of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought from Judah. ¹⁴ I have heard of you that the spirit of the gods is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

Daniel 5:16b-26 (ESV) - ...Now if you can read the writing and make known to me its interpretation, you shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around your neck and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." ¹⁷ Then Daniel answered and said before the king, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Nevertheless, I will read the writing to the king and make known to him the interpretation. ¹⁸O king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar your father kingship and greatness and glory and majesty.¹⁹ And because of the greatness that he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whom he would, he killed, and whom he would, he kept alive: whom he would, he raised up. and whom he would, he humbled. ²⁰ But when his heart was lifted up and his spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was brought down from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him.²¹He was driven from among the children of mankind, and his mind was made like that of a beast, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was fed grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, until he knew that the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom he

will. ²² And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, ²³ but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored. ²⁴Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. ²⁵And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. ²⁶This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end;

Psalm 90:12 (ESV) - So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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Daniel 5:27 (ESV) - TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting;

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) - And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

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Daniel 5:28 (ESV) - PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

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Matthew 6:33 (ESV) - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.



Info Guide

Welcome

We're glad you're here! This Info Guide will help you learn how to get connected at Manna and share what is available to you at the service today. We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time with us.

What to Expect

During today's worship experience you can expect about a 70-minute service. It will begin with approximately 20-25 minutes of worship, then a brief time of announcements, followed by a 35-minute biblical and practical message delivered by our Pastor, and we will conclude our time together with another short time of worship.

NextStep

If you want to learn what Manna Church is passionate about, where we are going, and how you can be a part of this adventure, then NextStep is for you. It is a 4-week small group that meets the first four Sundays of every month. Childcare is provided and you can learn the times and locations at the info center in the lobby. We would love for you to take this step!

CONNECTION CARD

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—we just want to thank you for joining us today and to let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

Manna Kids

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