

Series: The Book of Daniel
Title: The End Result of Pride
Daniel 5

Introduction

Chapter 5 begins with King Belshazzar's blasphemous feast. According to Babylonian records, Belshazzar became co-regent in the third year of Nabonidus' reign (553 B.C.) and continued in that capacity till the fall of Babylon (539 B.C.). Belshazzar wasn't afraid of the siege surrounding the city. He was confident in Babylon's impressive defenses and vast supplies.

1. Belshazzar's probably claimed him as his father because he now sat on the _____ that once was occupied by Nebuchadnezzar.
2. The scene of _____ while a hostile army surrounded the city reminds us of the spirit of our present age.
3. Belshazzar foolishly lost all self-control at this party and began openly _____ God.
4. This blasphemy was about to be _____ by God.
5. While they were partying, God writes a message on a _____.
6. Belshazzar reacts to the message and calls for someone to _____ it.
7. Daniel's vivid description reveals that Belshazzar was _____.
8. Daniel was not called to appear with the first group of wise men and may have been summoned out of _____.

9. The queen refers to Daniel by his Jewish name, showing _____ for his faith and background.
10. Daniel describes Belshazzar's sinful _____.
11. Daniel is _____ with the king because Belshazzar should have known better.
12. We are all responsible for _____ God according to the revelation we have.
13. Today's most sinful person has more _____ of God's love and grace than Belshazzar had.
14. Daniel tells Belshazzar that God's _____ is at the door.
15. The armies of the Medes and Persians conquered Babylon because Belshazzar and his kingdom no longer acknowledged the spiritual and moral _____ of Israel's God.
16. Belshazzar does _____ Daniel.
17. Daniel didn't hold the position very _____.

I. Sin Will Be Judged

18. Measuring your life by _____ doesn't count nearly as much as being measured by God.
19. As Christians, our number one _____ is to put God first.
20. In God's eyes, sin is sin, no matter what a person has _____.
21. The problem with pride is that you're usually the _____ to know you have it.
22. Pride is the deep pleasure or satisfaction you derive from your _____ achievements.

II. God's Timing Is Perfect

23. God is not in a hurry; He's _____ on time.
24. God's perfect timing _____ faith in the faithful and brings judgment upon the unfaithful.
25. He knows the past, present and future – all at one _____!
26. We really need to be _____ of our associations with others.
27. Without _____, the future holds only despair and futility.
28. No matter how terrible and impossible your situation may seem, God can bring you through it because He alone has the _____ say.

III. God Is Always True to His Word

29. All of the prophecies of God will be _____.
30. Faith in God opens up tremendous possibilities for _____ and success.
31. But going your own way and trusting in yourself causes you to ignore or disobey God, leaving you on your own and ultimately under _____ judgment.
32. The most _____ decision you will make in your life is to choose your own way or choose God's way.
33. God never gives _____.

Conclusion

34. God wants to restore, heal and help us see that eternal life is a much better _____ than eternal death.

Belshazzar's experience reminds us that even the mightiest of men quake when God speaks. God weighs our actions, numbers our days, and decides our future. The pleasures of sin only last for a season, but God's word is always reliable and eternally true.

Answers

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| 1. throne | 13. light | 25. time |
| 2. partying | 14. judgment | 26. careful |
| 3. mocking | 15. values | 27. faith |
| 4. punished | 16. promote | 28. final |
| 5. wall | 17. long | 29. fulfilled |
| 6. interpret | 18. others | 30. blessing |
| 7. terrified | 19. priority | 31. divine |
| 8. retirement | 20. done | 32. important |
| 9. respect | 21. last | 33. up |
| 10. pride | 22. own | 34. choice |
| 11. harsh | 23. always | |
| 12. honoring | 24. grows | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever been caught in sin? How did you respond? Did your knees shake like Belshazzar?
2. In what ways has God's timing caused something to happen for you at just the right time? How can this knowledge grow your faith in Him?
3. Has anyone ever accused you of being prideful? If so why? How would you go about confronting someone about their pride?