

# BIBLE STUDY 3: WRITING ON THE WALL

**FOR DISCUSSION:** In what ways does our sin blind us to reality?

What lies do we tell ourselves to justify our wicked behavior?

1. **READ DANIEL 5:1-4.** What was particularly offensive to God about the king's feast (vs 4)?
2. What sacred things (things God intended to be used for His glory) do we misuse and abuse today?
3. **READ DANIEL 5:5-9.** Why do you think the king's wise men and sorcerers were unable to interpret the writing on the wall?
4. **READ DANIEL 5:10-12.** How does the queen describe Daniel? What does she get right, and where is she mistaken?
5. **READ DANIEL 5:13-17.** Why do you think Daniel was not interested in the king's rewards? After all, he had accepted rewards before (see Daniel 2:48).
6. **READ DANIEL 5:18-21.** According to vs 21, what was the purpose of King Nebuchadnezzar's humiliation?
7. **READ DANIEL 5:22-28.** Was the arrogance of Belshazzar greater than that of Nebuchadnezzar? What clues are we given to suggest his sin was even greater?
8. What did Daniel say about the gods of Babylon, when compared to the One True God (vs 23)? What makes God superior?
9. **READ DANIEL 5:29-31.** Did God deal fairly with Belshazzar? Was he given a chance to repent?
10. Do you find this piece of Scripture to be an encouragement, or a warning? Explain your answer.
11. What difference does Jesus make for arrogant sinners (like us) today? How does His grace work if we continue in our sin?

## PRAYER

*Heavenly Father, open our eyes to our own arrogance, so we may repent before its too late!*



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