



Going Deeper Daniel 5

Read the entire 5th chapter of Daniel

What stands out to you or catches your attention in this story?

Why do you think Belshazzar did not repent?

Why is it that pride is so strong in some people that they never repent toward God nor apologize and admit they were wrong to others?

When do you find it most difficult to admit you are wrong – to God, and to those closest to you? How often do you use the words I am sorry at home?

Daniel 5:22-23

And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, 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.

Revelation 9:20-21

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Compare the two verses above. Why, with the kingdom in peril would a King turn to idols instead of the God that has proven himself before?

Daniel 5:24-28

Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, And Parsin. This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.

How does the Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin apply to every human being and what should be our response?

Go back over the hand motion Gospel you learned three weeks ago, and talk about the third hand motion and what our response to the Gospel should be. Explain what "repent" means, and what receiving his free gift (what is that gift?) looks like.