Kingdom Judgement Daniel 5

Truth: Too often man does not seek the wisdom from the LORD until disaster strikes. Too often we search for answers to our problems from the empty wisdom of this world.

"Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18 ESV)

Application: Let us seek the honors of heaven and not the honors of this world. To trade eternal reward for temporal gain is a fool's errand.

"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." (Romans 15:4 ESV)

Main Idea: Only God's measure upon our life means anything. Let us not trust in ourselves, but in Christ alone who makes us acceptable in God's sight.

The Mutiny Our Heart Makes

Principle: Many despise the spiritual privilege that God gives them through His grace bestowed in their family.

Truth: At the root of our souls, we are rebels against the LORD. At our core we are blind to God's greatness and holiness.

"What is man, that he can be pure? Or he who is born of a woman, that he can be righteous?" (Job 15:14 ESV)

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6 ESV)

"If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?" (Psalm 130:3 ESV)

Application: Let us say, "I am Belshazzar. Apart from the LORD's grace in my life, I am Belshazzar . . . I am prone to wander from the LORD . . . I am prone to disobey the commandments of the LORD . . . I am prone to defy the majesty of the LORD. O LORD, rescue me by your grace!"

The Message God Sends

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." (Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV)

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12 ESV)

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, on the day of testing in the wilderness," (Hebrews 3:7-8 ESV)

Principle: When God speaks, He speaks conviction upon our behaviors and attitudes. When God speaks conviction, our natural response is to deflect his voice and become hardened to it.

Application: When God speaks to us, let us not harden our hearts! When God speaks to us, let us have ears that hear what the Spirit is saying.

The Measure God Uses

"because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."" (Acts 17:31 ESV)

"on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus." (Romans 2:16 ESV)

"And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account." (Hebrews 4:13 ESV)

""None is righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10 ESV)

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," (Romans 3:23 ESV)

"For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe." (Romans 3:20-22 ESV)

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV)

The Mastery God Decrees

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

For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:30-31 ESV)