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How to Live the Christian Live in an Unchristian World

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS, THE PARTY'S OVER

Daniel 5:1-31

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Suddenly the fingers of a man's hand emerged and began writing opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king's palace, and the king saw the back of the hand that did the writing. Now this is the inscription that was written out: "MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN." Daniel 5:5, 25

What does God want to teach us through the fall of Babylon?

1. Be careful that you don't get drunk with pride.

Yet you, his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this, but you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven ... Daniel 5:22-23a

A. No one is bullet-proof.

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
1 Corinthians 10:12*

B. No one is able to go up against God.

*For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, "My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all my good pleasure."
Isaiah 46:9-10*

2. Be careful that you don't blow off the warnings from God.

... even though you knew all this ... Daniel 5:22

And the LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them again and again by His messengers, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place; but they continually mocked the messengers of God, despised His words and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until there was no remedy. 2 Chronicles 36:15-16

3. Be careful that you don't miss your ultimate purpose in life.

But the God in whose hand are your life-breath and your ways, you have not glorified. Daniel 5:23

A. God made you to shine for His glory.

All who claim Me as their God will come, for I have made them for My glory. It was I who created them. Isaiah 43:7 NLT

B. You glorify God when you see your need and come to Him.

1. All of us are deficient before Him.

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment. Isaiah 64:6

2. All of us face eternal judgment without Him.

*That same night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.
Daniel 5:30*

Are you following in the ways of Babylon?