

DANIEL 5
SESSION FIVE
THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL
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1. Belshazzar made the grievous mistake of treating the holy as unholy. Compare Leviticus 8:10-11 and 2 Chronicles 7:16. The Hebrew transliteration for “consecrate” is *qadas* meaning “to be clean, pronounce clean ceremonially or morally); to consecrate to God, declare as holy, treat as holy. Signifies an act or state in which people or things are set aside and reserved exclusively for God.”
2. We, too, are holy vessels in the house of the Lord (2 Tim.e 2:20-21). See Ephesians 1:1,4 and 2 Corinthians 1:21-22. The lexical form of the word translated *saints* (Eph. 1:1) and *holy* (Eph. 1:4) is *hagios* meaning “holy, sacred, separated from ordinary or common usage and devoted to God. Something holy is that which has been brought into relationship with God ... and designated by Him as having a sacred purpose or special significance ... marked as holy, classified as belonging to God ... sacred, hallowed, consecrated.

Nothing is more important on Satan’s agenda than to convince us that there is nothing holy about us.

3. Satan has no greater agenda than attempting to desecrate what God consecrates. His methods are many, but one of his specialties is reflected in Daniel 5:2-3.

Nothing makes Satan happier than to treat what is holy as unholy.

I Cor. 6:12-20–Sexual sin has the capacity for us to “wear it” like none other – it sticks to us. “We’re going to act as we dress ourselves to look.”

4. God does not overlook Satan’s mistreatment of holy vessels any more than He overlooked Belshazzar’s. Read Daniel 5:5-10. See verse 12. The phrase “solve difficult problems” is literally “loosening of knots.”

Look ahead to Daniel 5:26-30.

Verse 30 is critical – the change of empires took place that very day.

A generalized translation of the handwriting on the wall might be:

Mene: I AM

Tekel: I know

Peres: I act

5. Vessels that have been treated as unholy can be treated as holy again. See 2 Timothy 2:20-21 and Ezra 1:2, 7-8; 8:28-29.

DECLARATION OF WHO I AM BEFORE GOD

I, _____, belong to God.

I am a holy vessel because I house the Holy Spirit of the living God.

The Lord of heaven and earth has said over me, "I declare you holy." Today I commit to start believing what He says. I am holy.

Empower me daily Spirit of the living God to treat myself as holy;
open my eyes to every scheme of the enemy to treat me as if I'm not.

You God are God. Your Word is truth.

This day, Father, I choose to believe you. In Jesus' Name, Amen and Amen.