

“The World Seems Out Of Control, But God Judges The Rebellious”

Daniel 5

Sermon Series: “The World Seems Out Of Control, But...”

Introduction:

Proverbs 6:15- Therefore his calamity shall come suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken without remedy.

-Let's go to Daniel 5, which is in some sense part 2 of chapter 4, and see a case study in God judging the rebellious and heed the warning.

Conviction: The world seems out of control, but God judges those who rebel against Him.

Fall of Babylon prophesied in advance in Isaiah 21:9 and 47:10-11

This rebellion is manifested in:

1. Pride (v. 22-23)

2. Idolatry (v. 23)

3. Failing to glorify God (v. 23)

Action: We will repent and trust Jesus (Acts 17:16-23)

Christ Connections: This is why we should repent and trust Jesus.

1. Jesus is our judge. The stolen temple vessels that were used to mock God ended up being the downfall of the Babylonians and deliverance of the Jews. We are going to answer to Him just like Belshazzar did.

Acts 17:30-31, Luke 12:20, Matthew 24:42

-We are all Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar in our sin, but the question is are we going to be like Nebuchadnezzar or Belshazzar when it comes to humility and repentance?

-Belshazzar did not listen despite what he knew about Nebuchadnezzar and despite the fact that an invading army was at his doorstep.

-Don't ignore the warnings.

2. Jesus is our judge who took our judgment so that we can be saved. He drank the cup of God's wrath so we can participate in the greater feast.

Belshazzar was a proud king who got what he deserved, but Jesus was a humble King who took what we deserve (Philippians 2:6-8, Romans 3:24-26).

3. Jesus is the One who can satisfy our souls and not the substitutes this world offers.

John 6:35. And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.