

SERMON QUESTIONS



May 10, 2026

Series: The Faith that Roars
Sermon: The Hand
Daniel 5:1-31

1. Why is it so much easier for us to read Daniel 4 & 5, picturing ourselves as Daniel, rather than Nebuchadnezzar or Belshazzar? Does it reveal some of our pride? Does it speak to our proneness to view ourselves as more innocent and indestructible than we really are, or as putting off a serious walk with Christ and addressing personal sin because we think we have more time?
2. How do Belshazzar's actions serve to mock God and His glory? What are some other ways we implicitly mock God's glory, maybe without realizing it? What does God's response to Belshazzar's use of His (God's) instruments for worship of other "gods" suggest about that sort of co-mingling?
3. What are some ways we often try to protect ourselves against God's judgment? How do we try to convince ourselves we are beyond His reach? Does our relative wealth of possessions play a role in our general, underlying belief as to whether we genuinely believe we need God?
4. How and why does sin make us foolish in thought and deed?
5. What kinds of things does God use to wake us up do the foolishness of our sin? How does it feel when He does this? How has He gotten your attention?
6. How are God's acts of discipline also acts of grace?
7. How does Belshazzar continue the sins of his predecessor, Nebuchadnezzar? How does Belshazzar's response to God differ from Nebuchadnezzar's?
8. How does Daniel model faithful biblical exposition in his interpretation of the dream?
9. How does Daniel foreshadow Jesus in this passage? In what ways does Jesus more perfectly mediate between God and man than Daniel does?