



One Church-Two Locations

Pastor's Notes for Sunday, May 24, 2026

Message: **THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF OUR NATION**

Scripture: Daniel 5:1-31 HCSB

“Those who long enjoy such privileges that we enjoy forget in time that others have died to win them.” President Franklin D. Roosevelt

The position we are in today is because of what we tolerated yesterday. Moreover, the position we will be in tomorrow will be because of what we tolerate today.

The fifth chapter of Daniel describes the c_____ of a c_____.

The Danger of Losing All Sense of R_____.

(Daniel 5:18-23 HCSB)

18 Your Majesty, the Most High God gave sovereignty, greatness, glory, and majesty to your predecessor Nebuchadnezzar. 19 Because of the greatness He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages were terrified and fearful of him. He killed anyone he wanted and kept alive anyone he wanted; he exalted anyone he wanted and humbled anyone he wanted. 20 But when his heart was exalted and his spirit became arrogant, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken from him. 21 He was driven away from people, his mind was like an animal's, he lived with the wild donkeys, he was fed grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with dew from the sky until he acknowledged that the Most High God is ruler over the kingdom of men and sets anyone He wants over it.

22 “But you his successor, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this. 23 Instead, you have exalted yourself against the Lord of heaven. The vessels from His house were brought to you, and as you and your nobles, wives, and concubines drank wine from them, you praised the gods made of silver and gold, bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or understand. But you have not glorified the God who holds your life-breath in His hand and who controls the whole course of your life.

The Danger of Losing All Sense of R_____.

(Daniel 5:1 HCSB)

King Belshazzar held a great feast for 1,000 of his nobles and drank wine in their presence.

The Danger of Losing All Sense of R_____.

(Daniel 5:2 HCSB)

2 Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar gave orders to bring in the gold and silver vessels that his predecessor Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, wives, and concubines could drink from them.

The Danger of Losing All Sense of _____.

(Daniel 5:3-4 HCSB)

3 So they brought in the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, wives, and concubines drank from them. 4 They drank the wine and praised their gods made of gold and silver, bronze, iron, wood, and stone.

Listen to Daniel as he stands before them.

First, there was a word about p_____.

Second, there was a word about p_____.

Third, there was a word about p_____.

Sadly, they had lost all sense of remembrance, reality, restraint and respect.

The decline of any nation stems from s_____ factors. Everything else is just symptomatic.

“Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin.” These words reveal four elements involved in the sinner’s destruction. Numbered. Weighed. Separated, and found wanting.

“The Most High still rules over the affairs of men.”

Daniel 4:32 (HCSB)

32 You will be driven away from people to live with the wild animals, and you will feed on grass like cattle for seven periods of time, until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over the kingdom of men, and He gives it to anyone He wants.”

II Chronicles 7:14 (HCSB)

14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.