

## Studies in Daniel – (Study 21) “There is a man...”

Reading: Daniel 5:7-12



## Living a godly life in an ungodly world

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At the end of our last study we were reminded of the greatness of God in that just his finger can be so powerful against or on behalf of whole nations (v5). Other examples of this are found in Exodus 8:19 in the acknowledgement of Pharaoh's wise men during the plagues and in Exodus 31:18 when God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments written on stones.

- 1) In the action that the king takes in verse 7 what would you say he is trying to do?
- 2) Verse 8 would seem to ring bells from our previous studies. *What are we reminded of from this recurring theme?*
- 3) What does verse 9 reveal to us about the king?
- 4) The impasse is broken in verse 10 with the intervention of the queen (or more likely the Queen Mother) who recalled the days of Nebuchadnezzar. *How does Daniel's lifestyle in chapter 1 all those years ago now impact history as it unfolds in chapter 5?*
- 5) It would appear that Daniel; now in his eighties, had been marginalised during the reign of Belshazzar. Verse 12 indicates a gifted man whose gifts were not being used. *How can we be encouraged from this story when we feel that we or someone we know is not being used by the Lord?*
- 6) What other Old Testament character was forgotten until a crisis erupts in the royal court. What do these incidents tell us about the way that God works?