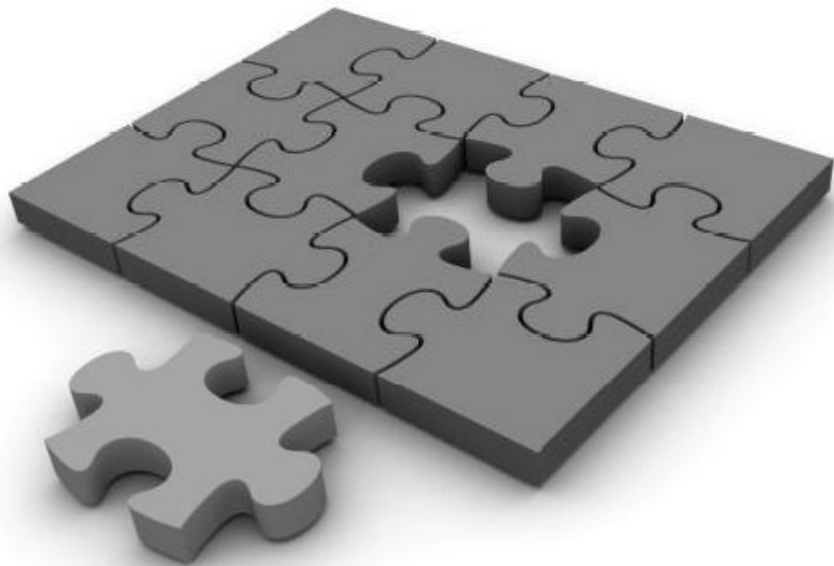


Studies in Daniel – (Study 23)  
“The God who holds in his hand your life...”

Reading: Daniel 5:18-24



## Living a godly life in an ungodly world

Home Fellowship Group Bible Study notes  
Tuesday 24th / Wednesday 25th February

Our passage can be summarised by saying that it is made up of a **‘because’** in verse 19; a **‘but’** in verse 20; an **‘instead’** in verse 23 and a **‘therefore’** in verse 24.

- 1) Notice in verse 18-19 how Daniel begins his explanation of ‘the writing on the wall’. *Why does he start by talking about Nebuchadnezzar and what is the significance of the **‘because’**?*
- 2) Verses 18-19 seem to exalt Nebuchadnezzar. *In what sense does this build-up put more emphasis on the **‘but’** of verses 20-21?*
- 3) Back in verses 10-12 we have the intervention by the Queen Mother indicating that the king is not aware of either Daniel or what happened to Nebuchadnezzar. *In what way does verse 22 put this into a new light and lead into the **‘instead’** of verse 23?*
- 4) Verse 23 explains why we get to the **‘therefore’** of God’s judgement. *What did Daniel say that Belshazzar’s attitude to God was and how did that compare with his attitude to other gods?*
- 5) What is the message for today that comes out of what is said about Belshazzar in verses 22-23?
- 6) Why do you think God sent a hand in verse 24?