Rev. John Choi The Weight of Glory

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Sermon Text

Daniel 5:22 And you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this, [23] but you have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And the vessels of his house have been brought in before you, and you and your lords, your wives, and your concubines have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored. [24] "Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. [25] And this is the writing that was inscribed: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. [26] This is the interpretation of the matter: Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; [27] Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; [28] Peres, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." [29] Then Belshazzar gave the command, and Daniel was clothed with purple, a chain of gold was put around his neck, and a proclamation was made about him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. [30] That very night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was killed. [31] And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

Sermon Notes

True glory is not achieved by self-effort but rather the gracious gift of God to those who walk in humility before Him.

- I. Where is Glory? (1-16)
- II. What is Glory? (17-23)
- III. The Weight of Glory (24-31)

Memory verses for 2025-

Matthew 7:24-25

- [24] Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
- [25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Daniel 5

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September 28, 2025 **Sermon Application Questions Prayer Requests** 1. What is Glory? Have each person give their definition of This week our family will lift up requests for: 'glory'. 2. Where is Glory? In what ways, do you seek glory (using the definition you gave above)? This week our family will praise the Lord for: 3. John said about Belshazzar, "It's not that he had a false belief of serving counterfeit gods rather he had a real belief in serving the god of self." Do you agree that the greatest idol is the idol of self? 4. The Weight of Glory. True glory is not given on the basis of knowing God, but first in us being known by God. Discuss what it means to be clothed by this "eternal weight of glory." **HFG Notes & Actions:** 5. Believers have been weighed (judged) and declared worthy (justified) by Christ's glory. Knowing we already have the greatest gift of all, how should it affect our witness and Next HFG meeting is: engagement to the world?