

Lesson-07: Weighed and Wanting

Lesson Focus Passage: [Daniel 5](#)

Background: God's longsuffering and patience are cardinal attributes which reflect His grace and mercy toward sinners. But there is a line beyond which God's patience runs out – and the king of Babylon crossed that line. To test God's patience is to invite His sure judgment.

The wicked and blasphemous King Belshazzar was about to be judged on God's scale of His righteousness. The verdict for this awful king would prove to be fatal.

Preparatory Questions

1. Read [Hebrews 12:14-29](#) and answer the questions below.
 - a. Why is holiness such an important issue?
 - b. Why should we worship God with reverence and fear?
 - c. How does the fact that God is a consuming fire impact you personally?

2. In reading Daniel 5, it is evident that he has been out of a prominent position in the Babylonian court for a few years. What could he have been tempted to think?
 - a. Given his actions in this chapter, what perspective did Daniel maintain while he was operating in obscurity?
 - b. What's God looking for in our lives event when it appears we are not being used?