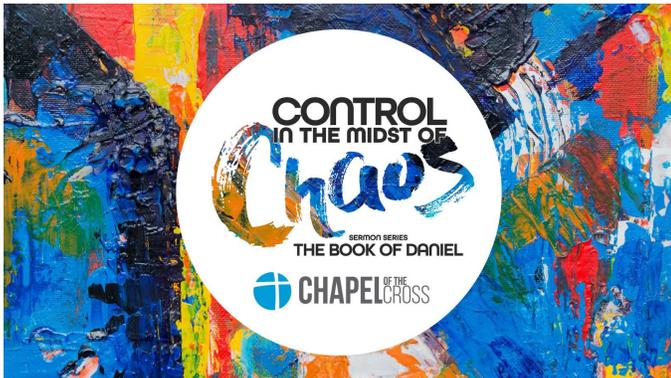


Blasphemy and Judgement



Background – This series is designed to show us the sovereignty of God and that He controls all things, no matter what our circumstances might say.

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – [Daniel 5:18-22](#)

Core Passage - [Daniel Chapter 5](#)

Take Away - God knows all things and executes perfect judgement for things like blasphemy.

Sermon Guide:

I. What does Daniel teach us about how God deals with human pride?

- 1) God sees all and judges accordingly.
[Daniel 5:1-6](#)
- 2) Blasphemy is defacing anything in God's creation.
[Daniel 5:18-22](#), [1 Samuel 5:1-4](#)
- 3) Our job is not to judge, but to proclaim the good news of Jesus.
[Daniel 5:22-30](#), [Luke 6:37](#), [Luke 16:27-31](#)

II. How can we apply God's Word to our lives?

- 1) Why did Belshazzar not learn from his family about the one true God? Do you learn from others, or do you have to learn on your own?
- 2) How can you share the love of Jesus during this season of pandemic, instead of being judgmental with others??

III. Family/Small Group Discussion

- 1) Pray – That the message of Daniel would help us proclaim the good news of Jesus.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:
 - 1) If you could have an endless supply of any food, what would you get?
 - 2) Daniel 4:1-4 describes a sumptuous banquet. List the actions and attitudes on the part of Belshazzar and his guests which might have provoked the Lord's anger.

- 3) Following the mysterious hand writing on the wall—Belshazzar was terrified and called for Daniel. Daniel starts by giving Belshazzar a “sermon.” What are the key elements of Daniel’s sermon (Daniel 5:18-23)
- 4) God again demonstrates His control over kings and kingdoms and that His plan is Sovereign and will not be thwarted. How does this encourage you? How does this challenge you?
- 5) A lesson that we can learn is that we should respond with humility and submission to God unlike Belshazzar. Take that a step further, *this week* how should the reality of God’s control over all things challenge our actions and attitudes, priorities, and personal contacts?