

Aveleigh Year of The Bible, OCT. 7 2018, World Communion Sunday
Sermon Series: FAITH UNSHAKABLE!— Part 5 of 9
Nine Weekly Reflections On Daniel's Life & Book
Text: Daniel 5: 1-9, 17, 25-30 p. 953-4

DANIEL'S FIFTH TEST: *Are You Learning From Those Who Came Before You?*

Call To worship

LEADER: This is the table of our Lord.

PEOPLE: This is the table of grace and forgiveness.

LEADER: In our Lord's Supper, manna in the wilderness becomes the bread of life for all who call upon the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: In Holy Communion, the law of the Lord becomes the life of love.

LEADER: In our Lord's Supper, the promised land comes to us, that we might know in the breaking of the bread, new life and the new covenant. Come to the table of grace and love.

PEOPLE: Taste of God's new kingdom, and rejoice and look forward to the day when all God's family on Earth will live in love as one people.

LEADER: Feed on the gift of love, feed on Jesus Christ, and be nourished in this holy supper of our Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Merciful Lord Jesus, At your generous table, we share the cup of life and the bread of strength. Here our errors can be cleansed, our lives made new and our futures secured by your grace. As we have eaten and drunk in remembrance of you, so let us live in remembrance of you. Let us care for the needy, in remembrance of your mercy. Let us resist evil in any form, in remembrance of your victory over Satan. Let us show compassion to all, in remembrance of your tender care of the suffering. Let us forgive those who have sinned against us, in remembrance of the forgiveness you have lavished upon us. Let us be constant in prayer and worship, in remembrance of your faithfulness. Let us be diligent and careful in our work, in remembrance of your labors on our behalf. Let us be quick to nourish hope and faith in others, in remembrance of the comfort and strength we have found in your Presence. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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SERMON TITLE: THE BANQUET OF OUR KING

Daniel 5:1, King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ² While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³ So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them.... hand that wrote the inscription.

²⁵ “This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

²⁶ “Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

²⁷ *Tekel*: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

**THE POINT IS: AT THE COMMUNION TABLE BELIEVERS
REMEMBER CHRIST, YOUR PROPHET, YOUR PRIEST,
AND YOUR KING**

1. REMEMBER: JESUS IS YOUR PROPHET

Exodus 4:22 Then say to Pharaoh, ‘This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son,

Deuteronomy 18:15, The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.

Matthew 17:5, While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!

2. REMEMBER JESUS IS YOUR PRIEST

Lev. 16:32 The priest who is anointed and ordained to succeed his father as high priest is to make atonement. He is to put on the sacred linen garments³³ and make atonement for the Most Holy Place, for the tent of meeting and the altar, and for the priests and all the members of the community.³⁴ “This is to be a lasting ordinance for you: Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins of the Israelites.”

Hebrews 9:²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence.²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.

3. REMEMBER , JESUS IS YOUR KING

2 Samuel 8:15, David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.

Matthew 22:41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,⁴² “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied.⁴³ He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,⁴⁴ “‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”⁴⁵ If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”⁴⁶ No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Romans 6:7-14, because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Revelation 1:5 , and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

Four For The Road: 1. Discuss what it means for Christ to be your prophet.

2. Discuss what it means to you for Christ to be your priest.

3. Discuss what it means to you for Christ to be your king.

4. Discuss what communion means to you and how you experience communion,