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Bye Bye Babylon (Week 4 of 5)

But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PERES

Here is what these words mean:

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

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

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

Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain.
Daniel 5:22-30 NIV

Two Realities to Embrace

1. Your _____ are numbered.

Show me, Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. Psalm 39:4 NIV

2. Your _____ will be weighed.

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Proverbs 16:2 NKJV

Two Conditions to Overcome

1. _____

2. _____

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.
2 Corinthians 5:10 NIV

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this." – C. S. Lewis

One Practice to Execute

_____ your life regularly.

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