"The Downward Road" Daniel 5:1-4

1-The starting point:

1-Daniel 5:22-23: 1-Thou hast not humbled thine heart; 2-But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven.

- 3-He must have known of the work of God in Nebuchadnezzer's Day: 1-The delivery of the three Hebrews from the fire just 23 years past.
 - 2-Just 13 years since the insanity and recovery of king Nebuchadnezzer.
- 2-In the road down: Steps may different with different sinners; but there is a gradual descent with all, though it must be admitted that on"that night" some were taken by the king at lightning speed.
 - 1-The king ignored all the circumstancessof his position.
 - 1-This was indeed terrible.
 - 2-For long the Persian lines of battle had been drawn round the city.
 - 3-Engineers had been turning the river from its bed.
 - 4-At this hour things were becoming critical. 5-Facts are stubborn things which even a heathen might note.

2-The king sacrificed his own dignity:

1-He sacrificed his dignity as king.
2-He sacrificed his dignity as a man.
3-It was not usual for Babylonian kings to to make themselves the boon companion of their subjects.

4-We owe respect to man, as made in the image of God, rational man, moral man, immortal man; but not the less to ourselves "The Downward Road" Doniel 5:1-4.

3-STEP NUMBER THREE: The king plunged into drunkenness.

1-The lightning steps of the king in his downward rush to destruction may be directly attributed to his drunken condition

2-Alcohol is the tap root of many vices

4-In a drunken stupor the king jested with things sacred.

1-To jest with thingSsacred, and in the language of the Bible, is a "sure mark of a fool" Luke 12:20: Thou fool this night thy soul shall be required of thee.

5-He violated the decencies of domestic life: 1-Bringing the harem into the banquetchamber was a gross offence against even the Oriental idea.

6-At last he openly insulted God: 1-He drank wine out of the Sacred vessels of God, and that, unto other gods.

3-The final point in our lesson:

1-The dreadful end:

1-The loss of everything.

2-The loss of his his kingdom.

3-The loss of his life.

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