

A hand is holding a white envelope against a dark background. The envelope has the words "Message from God" printed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. In the top right corner of the envelope, there is a small, colorful postage stamp. Below the stamp, there is a faint, rectangular area that appears to be a postage meter or a stamp box. The envelope is slightly tilted, and the hand holding it is visible on the left and right sides.

**Message  
from God**

**There's a saying that people use that you may have heard from time to time:**

**“Didn't you see the handwriting on the wall?”**

***I would like to take you back this morning to where this saying originated.***

***The book of Daniel Chapter 5 tells us the story.***

***What you're about to see is a little of what happened. The main characters being Belshazzar, King of the Babylonian Empire and the prophet Daniel-----***

***It's interesting to note that archaeologists have uncovered a room on the site of the palace of ancient Babylon. Located in Iraq they found that one wall was covered with plaster and measured 165 feet by 55 feet-big enough to be the banquet hall where Belshazzar held his feast.***

**The lesson for us is basically in four parts:**

- 1. Everyone is being watched by God.**
- 2. Our lives are being weighed by the righteous scales of God's justice.**
- 3. We will be held accountable for our actions.**
- 4. What we do with God now has a direct impact on how HE judges us later.**



**1. Everyone is being watched by God.**

**Job 28:24—He sees everything under the heavens. NIV**

**Psalms 33:13—From heaven the Lord looks down and sees all mankind. NIV**

## **1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”



**2. Our lives are being weighed on the righteous scales of God's justice.**



- **Romans 2:6-11 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>6</sup> God “will repay each person according to what they have done.” <sup>7</sup> To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. <sup>8</sup> But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. <sup>9</sup> There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; <sup>10</sup> but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>11</sup> For God does not show favoritism.



**3. We Will Be Held Accountable For Our Actions:**

## **Revelation 20:11-15**

**11**Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from His presence, and there was no place for them. **12**And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13**The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. **14**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15**Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.



- **4. “What We Do With God Now—Will Have A Direct Impact On How He Judges Us Later.”**

## The covenant that God made with Israel is found in *Jeremiah 31: 33-34*

- **33**“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. **34**No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

GOD'S FAVORITE WORD IS

*Come*