

Sermon: 10/10/21

Daniel 2

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On Sunday we continued our sermon series exploring the book of Daniel with Nii Noi speaking on chapter 2.

Scripture

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Ephesians 1:1-23

Overview

In exploring the second chapter of Daniel we focused in on 2 key dynamics found. That God is a limitless God and that He is sovereign over humanity.

A limitless God

This chapter starts with King Nebuchadnezzar greatly distressed by a dream. He finds himself limited in his understanding, so he calls on the wise men and magicians of Babylon. Again, they find themselves limited as the king makes an impossible ask of them expecting them to both know his dream and what it meant. In a rage at the limits Nebuchadnezzar commands that they be killed. So, the king's guard arrive at Daniel's door ready to take him and his friends away and execute them.

In response to this challenge, we see Daniel call his friends together to pray for God to move and act. In response to their prayers God reveals the dream and interpretation because He is limitless. Daniel responds in praise and worship to God's mercy and greatness.

Sovereign over humanity

The second part of chapter 2 looks at Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the interpretation. The picture of the statue and different materials within it point us to the sovereignty of God. The one who rules over history, gives and removes power and authority and rules over all. Contrast that to Nebuchadnezzar who despite an impressive kingdom and vast rule, it is only temporary. Another kingdom will come and all his power will pass onto another. However, we see another king and kingdom promised. A stone cut from the mountain not by human hands that will crash into all other kingdoms and will fill the whole earth and remain forever. Jesus is the true king of kings who will never see another kingdom take his power and dominion.

Questions

1. Are there any areas in life where we are not looking to the God who is limitless?
2. Who do we have in our lives that we pray for and with? Why do you think that is important?
3. How does knowing God is sovereign over all humanity encourage you in the challenges you're facing at the moment?