

We encourage you to read through the book of Daniel and a couple of NT passages. Below is the schedule for this series. Circle, highlight, and journal key thoughts and ideas as it relates to this series.

June 5 th	Daniel 1 and 2
June 12 th	Daniel 3 and 4
June 19 th	Daniel 5 and 6
June 26 th	Daniel 7 and 8
July 3 rd	Daniel 9 and 10
July 10 th	Daniel 11 and 12
July 17 th	Matthew 24 and 25
July 24 th	1 Thessalonians 4 and 5

This past Sunday's sermon focused on Daniel 2 and the account of God using Daniel to reveal and interpret King Nebuchadnezzar's statue dream.

The interpretation revealed that God is in control of those who are in control! This is a powerful example of one of God's main attributes on display. That attribute is the Sovereignty of God. The ESV Study Bible gives this definition: God has absolute rule over creation as King and total control and determination over all that happens.

This week you will read several classic passages of Scripture displaying the sovereignty of God.

READ DANIEL 4:34-37

- This is King Nebuchadnezzar's worshipful response after Daniel's interpretation of his dream is fulfilled and he is greatly humbled just as God had said would happen.

- Does the description of God in (34-35) scare you or comfort you?

- Why is human pride so dangerous and detrimental to our walk with God (see 37).

READ I CHRONICLES 29:11-13

- Do you ever struggle to believe these things are all true of God when the world seems to be out of control and rejecting of God?

- Notice the relationship between these truths about God and the proper response of worship in (13). Does God's sovereignty lead you to want to worship Him more?

READ EPHESIANS 1:11-14

- Notice the presence of God's sovereignty (11-12) and our human responsibility (13-14) in this glorious description of salvation. Do you ever struggle in comprehending the "mystery" of how these two concepts work together?

Prayer: Precious, powerful Lord, we praise you that we live our lives under your loving, sovereign Kingship. Knowing you are in control of this fallen world enables us to seek your wisdom rather than worry. It invites us to be faithful rather than fearful. Thank you, Lord Jesus!