



Recognizing God Rules

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Outline

Read **Daniel 1:1-2; 1 John 4:18; John 15:18-20; Matt. 6:25-34; Rom. 8:28-32** and remind everyone of the outline:

- I. The Book of Daniel is first and foremost about God – and His Sovereign rule over all of history!**
- II. The book of Daniel is very practical for the world we're living in today as Christians**
 - A. Don't let your joy or hope ever ride on any political leader – because they are always coming/going
 - B. Don't keep expecting to be treated well here – because you're not home yet
- III. The book of Daniel is filled with prophecy that can feed your faith**
- IV. The book of Daniel has some personal applications that we better get ahold of as Christians here in America**

Sermon Discussion:

I. Conversation Starter Questions

- A. Is there a period of past US history that you think would be interesting to have experienced?
- B. Does anyone know more of the context of the book of Daniel—what's going on in history?
- C. When you see or hear evil or injustice, what are common thoughts of God's character? What can you struggle with personally?
- D. Is there a time in your life that you really struggled to understand what God was doing? What happened and how did the Lord use that in your life?

II. Application Question

- A. What are "rights" or "injustices" that you can struggle with in your life? How do you respond?
- B. What are promises in God's Word that can help you when you encounter such things?
- C. What is a godly way to respond to those around us who are experiencing evil? Anger? Rescue? Encouragement??!
- D. How can we pursue to see God's goodness in the midst of evil?

III. Gospel Connection – The murder of Jesus is the greatest injustice of all time—how does this keep all other expressions of evil in perspective?

IV. Prayer Focus Ideas

- A. Pray thru Romans 8:28-32
- B. Is anyone struggling to see the goodness of God in an area of your life?
- C. What's one promise that you would like to focus on this next week?