

The “Time” of Future Deliverance



Background – This series is designed to show us the sovereignty of God and that He controls all things, no matter what our circumstances might say.

Key Verse/Scripture Memory – Daniel 8:12, 25

Core Passage - Daniel Chapter 8

Take Away - Time is not a precise aspect or indicator of our future deliverance from evil.

Sermon Guide:

I. What does Daniel tell us about the timing of God’s victory or deliverance from evil?

- 1) “Times” will be hard, but deliverance over evil will definitely happen.
Daniel 8:1-14, Revelation 1:4-8
- 2) “Time” doesn’t give comfort or hope, only God does.
Daniel 8:15-26, Mark 13:32
- 3) Walking faithfully with God mitigates “times” of suffering and anxiety.
Daniel 8:27, Mark 13:33-36

II. How can we apply God’s Word to our lives?

- 1) God determines the history and timing of all things. How does this make you feel and live?
- 2) Knowing that God will defeat evil and that “time” will one day end, how does this reality change how you daily live your life?

III. Family/Small Group Discussion

- 1) Pray – That the message of Daniel would encourage us to trust God for our future.
- 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.
- 3) Discuss together:
 - 1) Have you ever felt you had control of a situation, only to find out the things were actually out of your hands? How did that affect your understanding of “being in control”?

- 2) In verses 1-14, God gives Daniel a vision of a ram and a goat. Why do you think God chose to communicate future events to Daniel in this way? Why not simply tell him the historical facts?
- 3) What is a command to obey in this passage? What has God revealed in your life that needs changing? What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?
- 4) Daniel's closing statement "then I rose and went about the King's business," tells us that Daniel was alarmed but continued to do what God was calling him to do. How does this speak to you in your life? What ways are you having to press onward in the midst of difficult circumstances?
- 5) The final word is not had by the ram, or the goat, but by the Lamb. How does this provide comfort knowing that Jesus will return one day to make all things right?