



Sunday Sermon Notes: October 11, 2020

Be ready to stand when your time comes – Daniel 2

I. I. The Problem: Nebuchadnezzar's Dream – 2:1-11

- The troubling reality of dreams in ancient culture.
- A firm Word, a final threat, and the Wise Men's fear.

II. Daniel's dilemma – 2:12-16

- Even in ignorance, Daniel's life was in danger
- Even in danger, confident faith takes action

III. Pray as if your life depends on it. . .because it very well might! – v. 17-23

- With no regard for his own safety but every confidence in God's faithfulness, Daniel and his friends sought the Lord as if they had no other choice.
- Four Elements to a healthy prayer – v. 20-23
 - Adoration
 - Authority
 - Transcendence
 - Thanksgiving

IV. An appointment with the King – v. 24-45

- Daniel offers an honest assessment of two realities:
 - Daniel confesses his own inadequacy. v. 27, 30
 - Daniel exalts the God who reveals – v 28
- - Daniel's revelation and its meaning – v. 29-45
 - A vision of a change ahead.
 - This is the first of four visions in Daniel (ch 2, 4, 7 and 8).
 - The change will be deep and powerful.
 - Your rule is to be short-lived and your descendants will be replaced by other kingdoms, the last of which will bring the Messiah.

V. A grateful king and a new role for Daniel – v. 46-49

- A rightful humility sets us well.
- Praise from the mouth alone is hollow.
- Don't settle for shallow for an emotional response when a life-transforming encounter is available!