

SERMON OUTLINE

MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM DANIEL

DANIEL 6:25-28

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“We live in a time of exile. At least those of us do who hold to traditional Christian beliefs...The Western public square is no longer a place where Christians feel they belong with any degree of comfort. For Christians in the United States, this is particularly disorienting. In Europe, Christianity was pushed to the margins over a couple of centuries—the tide of faith retreated slowly. In America, the process seems to be happening much more rapidly.” – Carl Trueman, A Church for Exiles

THREE MAIN TAKEAWAYS

1. Live with fearless courage and wise convictions: vs. 26a

2. Trust in a sovereign God who rules over all and whose dominion has no end: vs. 26b

- 2:20-21, “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings.”
- 3:16-17, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king.”
- 4:25, “till you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will.”
- 4:34-35, “I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, ‘What have you done?’”
- 7:14, “And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”
- “How great are His signs and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. His dominion is from generation to generation.” Daniel 4:3
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3. Stand in awe concerning God's mighty acts of powerful deliverance: vs. 27

- And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him. That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever! – A Mighty Fortress by Martin Luther

Benediction: Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign." – Revelation 11:15-17