

Read James 4:13-17.

What does James mean to teach us about how making plans must always be subject to the sovereign will of the Lord?

How does the principle in Proverbs 19:21 support James' teaching?

GOSPEL CONNECTION

There are constantly conflicts, catastrophes, and chaos occurring throughout the world at any given time. A sinful world full of sinful people can never achieve true peace. There is only One who can provide true peace both now in the midst of chaos, and forever in the midst of Himself: Jesus Christ our Savior. He provides this peace to those who believe in Him and follow Him through His redeeming and reconciling work on the cross. Only through His salvation can we have peace with God now and forever.

APPLICATION

This week, pay attention to how many influences try to get you to turn away from the way God thinks about things and stay stuck in the way the world thinks about things. There is a constant battle for your mind raging around you. Take note of those moments, and fight back against the spirit of the age by remembering and applying God's truth to each situation. Make plans that honor God, and submit your plan to His will. Then walk in confidence that He will work through you.

PRAYER

My peaceful heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your peace in my life. Help me to walk in that peace every day. Keep my eyes and my heart from being distracted away from You. Help me see things from your perspective more and more.

MEMORY VERSE

"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand." Proverbs 19:21 (ESV)

Sermon-Based Study Guide

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Sermon Series:
DARE

Paul Nather
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A Walk Through History

Daniel 11:1-27

1. Looking down the well-worn path
2. Following the Trailblazer
3. Anticipating uncharted territory

Sermon-Based Community Life Group Study

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Our desire and goal is for all who call Century Baptist their church home to be involved in a community life group, Bible study or missional community. We believe one of the best ways to be fed and exhorted in our faith is to interact with the Sunday sermon. This guide is a tool to facilitate that interaction.

The purpose of this guide is for all groups, studies and communities to dive into the Sunday message through the study of Scripture together. If you are not in a group, we encourage you to take the step of involvement in community around your faith and the pursuit of faith in Jesus. This study guide can be used individually, however, the greatest benefit of growth in Scripture and faith comes when people are interacting together around Biblical truth and how God is at work in their lives.

Contact Pastor Paul Herr at 223-0478 to learn more about sermon-based community life groups, missional communities, or leading and/or hosting a group.

OPENING UP

What is something you've had to wait a long, long time for?

INTRO TO DANIEL

Exiled to Babylon in 605 b.c., Daniel was one of several young men chosen to serve in Nebuchadnezzar's court. When Persia conquered Babylon in 539, Daniel was again given a position of power. He remained faithful to God in both of these hostile environments. From the interpretation of dreams, to the familiar stories of the fiery furnace, the lions' den, and the handwriting on the wall, to the prophetic visions, the recurrent theme is God's sovereignty over human affairs. In the historical sections (chs. 1-6) God supernaturally rescued Daniel and his friends. The rest of the book consists of visions of future judgment and deliverance by the Messiah. Some of Daniel's prophetic themes are echoed in the New Testament, especially in Revelation.¹

¹The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016). (Da). Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.

Read Daniel 11:1-27

What was one point or statement from the message that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read Proverbs 19:21.

What does this proverb say about the contrast between our plan and God's purpose?

Does this mean that we should not make any plans?

What confidence does the reality that God's sovereign plan will always stand give us?

How does this effect how we make our plans?

What do these other Proverbs say about the relationship between our plans and God's sovereign purpose?

Proverbs 3:5-6

Proverbs 16:1-3, 9,

Proverbs 21:1-5, 31

Read Psalm 75.

How does the Psalmist establish a posture of humility and worship in verse 1?

In verses 2-5 the Psalmist quotes God speaking. Summarize how God exercises His ultimate sovereignty over the earth in these verses.

As the Psalmist reflects on the words of God in verses 6-7, how does he see the sovereignty of God at work?

What does the image of the foaming cup represent in verse 8?

As the Psalm concludes with verses 9 and 10, how is God's sovereignty described and proclaimed?