

# Sermon Guide September 28: Daniel 7

## What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

### **Key Takeaway:**

- 1. Prophecy brings perspective about the present.
- 2. The Bible is a single story from beginning to end, centered on God's plan of redemption.
- 3. World powers and kingdoms will come and go, but God's kingdom is eternal.
- 4. The "Son of Man" refers to Jesus Christ, who will receive an everlasting kingdom.
- 5. Believers can have courage in difficult times because God is in control.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How does understanding prophecy help us gain perspective on current events and our daily lives?
- 2. Daniel described four beasts representing different kingdoms. How do these symbolic representations help us understand the nature of worldly power?
- 3. What stood out to you about the description of the "Ancient of Days" and the heavenly court scene?
- 4. How does the concept of God's eternal kingdom contrast with the temporary nature of earthly kingdoms?
- 5. Why shouldn't we try to identify specific individuals as the Antichrist? How can we maintain a balanced view of end-times prophecy?
- 6. How does the knowledge that God is in control, even during chaotic times, impact your faith and daily life?

7. Daniel 7 concludes with Daniel being deeply troubled by the vision. How do you reconcile the hope of God's ultimate victory with the reality of present difficulties?

#### Practical Applications:

- 6. This week, when you encounter troubling news or personal challenges, take a moment to remind yourself of God's sovereignty and eternal kingdom.
- 7. Reflect on areas in your life where you might be putting too much trust in "earthly kingdoms" (e.g., politics, career, wealth). How can you shift your focus to God's kingdom?
- 8. Share with the group one way you can live more faithfully and courageously this week, knowing that God is in control.
- 9. Commit to reading through the book of Daniel (or at least chapters 7-12) to gain a deeper understanding of biblical prophecy.
- 10. Pray for persecuted believers around the world who may be experiencing oppression similar to what Daniel foresaw.
- 11. Thank God for His sovereign control over history and asking for the strength to live faithfully in light of His promises.