

Master Outlines of Daniel

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Pastor's Outline for Sermons on Daniel 5

- I. "Put no confidence in princes" (Dan. 4 with Dan. 5:1-4)
 - A. Our Hope Is Not In Politics (v. 1a - history of tragic transition from chapter 4-5)
 - B. The state's false security (v. 1 in context of history)
 - C. Problems that arise when there is no objective authority above rulers
 - 1. unlimited expenditures (v. 1)
 - 2. government by whim (v. 2)
 - 3. attacks upon God can come with impunity (vv. 2-4)
 - 4. political idolatry reigns (v. 4)
- II. God's wake up call
 - A. The timing of the call
 - 1. The slowness of God
 - 2. The mercy of God
 - B. Why did God give a wake up call?
 - 1. He didn't need to. He has come many times upon pagans without warning.
 - 2. For His glory
 - 3. For the sake of Nebuchadnezzar
 - 4. For the sake of Daniel
 - 5. Examples of wake up calls in other countries: American War for Independence,
 - C. The nature of God's wake up call
 - 1. God's wake up call through a miracle (vv. 5-9)
 - 2. God's wake up call through the queen mother (vv. 10-12)
 - 3. God's wake up call through Daniel (vv. 13-29)
 - 4. God's wake up call through Cyrus/Darius (vv. 30-31)
- III. God's man for the hour (vv. 10-16)
 - A. Spirit indwelt (v. 11a)
 - B. Spirit endowed (v. 11b-16)
 - 1. light
 - 2. understanding
 - 3. wisdom
 - 4. position
 - 5. character (v. 12a)
 - 6. gifts
 - C. Spirit motivated & empowered (vv. 17)
 - 1. Seeking only God's honor (v. 17)
 - 2. Speaking only God's truth (v. 18ff)
 - 3. Boldness and zeal for God (vv. 18ff)
 - 4. Seeing black and white
 - 5. Etc.,
- IV. Rulers are weighed in the balances (vv. 17-31)