



CELL GROUP MATERIAL

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Seeing the Throne in the Midst of Chaos

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Based on Daniel 7

Overview

The sermon this week explored how believers can remain victorious even when surrounded by opposition, fear, and chaos. The central conviction is simple: winners do not fix their eyes on the beasts around them. They fix their eyes on the throne of God. As we study this passage together, we will examine three key truths that anchor our faith and help us walk in the victory that God has already secured for His people.

Key Takeaways

- 1. Do not let the beasts intimidate you.** The beasts Daniel saw were real and powerful. In the same way, the troubles, pressures, and opposing forces we face in life are real. However, their power is not final. Their power is limited. What looks overwhelming is never ultimate.
 - 2. Keep your eyes on the throne.** In the middle of Daniel's terrifying vision, his gaze shifts to the throne of the Ancient of Days. God is seated. He is not pacing. He is not anxious. He is in full control. The call for every believer is to continually re-train our eyes toward the one who sits on the throne, because that is where our confidence comes from.
 - 3. Opposition has an expiry date.** Daniel 7 makes clear that the forces which appear to prevail against the saints do so only until the Ancient of Days intervenes. Every form of opposition that has been sent against God's people has a limit. God has ruled in favor of His saints, and that ruling is final, eternal, and unshakable.
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Opening Activity

Think of a time when something looked far more frightening or impossible than it actually turned out to be. What was that experience like?

Scripture Reading

- Daniel 7:1-8 (the vision of the four beasts)
- Daniel 7:9-14 (the vision of the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man)
- Daniel 7:21-27 (the saints of the Most High receive the kingdom)

Also read 1 Peter 5:5-7. This passage describes God giving grace to the humble and invites believers to cast all their anxieties on Him because He cares for them.

Discussion Questions

Section One: Do Not Let the Beasts Intimidate You

1. When you read about the beasts in Daniel 7, what stands out to you? What do you think Daniel must have felt as he watched them rise from the sea?
 2. The sermon described the beasts as representing real powers and kingdoms with genuine strength, but noted that their power is not final. How does that distinction between real and final change the way you think about the difficulties you are currently facing?
 3. What are some of the "beasts" in your own life right now? These could be fears, recurring struggles, relational conflicts, health concerns, financial pressures, or anything else that feels threatening. Take a moment to name them honestly with your group.
 4. The sermon mentioned that the devil is skilled at magnifying trouble and using intimidation. In what areas of your life do you feel most susceptible to that kind of intimidation? How does it usually show up for you?
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Section Two: Keep Your Eyes on the Throne

5. Daniel saw God as the Ancient of Days, seated on a throne of fire, with thousands upon thousands ministering to Him. What does this image communicate to you about who God is in relation to the chaos around us?
6. The sermon pointed out that God is seated, not anxious, not pacing, not worried. How does that image of a seated, reigning God speak to you personally in your current season of life?

7. Practical habits matter when it comes to keeping our eyes on the throne. The sermon mentioned reading the Bible, praying, and worshipping through music as ways to re-train our focus. What habits or practices have helped you most to shift your gaze back to God when life feels overwhelming? Share one with the group.
 8. Is there a habit or practice you sense God is inviting you to build or strengthen in this season, specifically to help you keep your eyes on the throne? Be as specific as you can.
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Section Three: Opposition Has an Expiry Date

9. Daniel 7:22 uses the word "until" as a turning point. The enemy appears to be prevailing, *until* the Ancient of Days comes and judgment is given in favor of the saints. How does the word "until" change the way you read that passage? How does it change the way you look at your own struggles?
 10. The sermon described Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane feeling the full weight of what was ahead of Him, yet pressing through with the words, "Not my will, but yours be done." What does that moment reveal to you about how God meets us when opposition feels heaviest?
 11. Daniel 7:27 says the kingdom and dominion and greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the saints of the Most High. This is not a temporary gift. It is forever and ever. How does the eternal nature of God's promise change how you endure short-term difficulty?
 12. Is there someone in your life, a family member, a friend, a colleague, who is currently in a season where it feels like the enemy is prevailing? How might you stand in the gap for them this week in prayer?
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Reflection Questions for Personal Application

- Which of the three key truths from this sermon do I most need to hold on to right now, and why?
- What is one specific step I can take this week to fix my eyes on the throne rather than on the beasts around me?
- Is there a fear, a habit, or a stronghold that I have been allowing to intimidate me that I need to bring before God and the community of believers around me?

Practical Applications

This Week:

- Set aside at least ten minutes each day to read a psalm or a portion of Scripture that reminds you of who God is. Psalms 46, 93, and 103 are good starting points.
- Write down the name of one person you will commit to praying for this week who is in a season of opposition. Pray for them daily and, if appropriate, reach out to encourage them.
- Identify one "beast," one fear or pressure that has been dominating your thoughts. Write it down. Then write beside it: "Your power is real, but it is not final. God has ruled in my favour."

As a Cell Group:

- Pray for one another by name at the end of this session. Be specific about what each person is facing.
- Consider checking in with one another mid-week with a simple message of encouragement.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, we come before your throne today. We acknowledge that the beasts around us are real, but we declare that their power is not final. You are the Ancient of Days. You are seated. You are in control. We choose to fix our eyes on you and not on the things that have been trying to intimidate us. We declare over every person in this room that you have ruled in our favour. Every opposition has an expiry date, and we trust you to bring it to an end in your perfect time. Strengthen us, anchor us in your Word, and let our hearts be filled with the confidence that comes from knowing you reign. In Jesus' name, amen.

For Further Study

- Read Daniel 7 in full, including the interpretation Daniel receives in verses 15 through 28.
- Read Revelation 4 and 5 for a New Testament vision of the heavenly throne room that echoes Daniel's vision.

- Reflect on Hebrews 12:1-2, which calls believers to fix their eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who endured the cross for the joy set before Him.
- Psalm 46 is a powerful companion passage on God as a refuge and strength in the midst of chaos.