**SERMON**  **Daniel: Faith for the Future. Part 1. Nov 10, 2019 TN**

Mark 13: 1-4, 24-27.

**“When?”** And “**How are we going to know?”**

Daniel – Chp 1-6 – stories of kings and kingdoms; Chp 7-12 visions of near and distant futures.

Theme of Daniel: God is sovereign and in complete control over history and in our lives.

God wants us to know that **He is in control** and

He wants us to **put our trust in Him**.

**1:2. Sovereign over nation and cities**

**1:9 Sovereign over 2 people talking**

**1:17** **Sovereign over giving knowledge wisdom and gifts**

**4:17 rules the kingdom of men**

**4:26** **Heaven rules (cf Ps 103:19)**

**4:32** **rules the kingdom of men**

**5:21** **rules the kingdom of men**

**2:20-21**

**2:46-47**

**3:3**

**3:29**

**6:26**

POINT: the living God of HEAVEN RULES.

**Daniel 7:9-10** Ancient of Days

 **Daniel 7:13-14** Son of Man

**What would it take for you to abandon your trust in God?**

**APPLICATION**

Think of something you fear about the future. What do you think may be the root of that fear?

How would a growing knowledge and understand of God help you with that?

What ways did Daniel respond to his unknown future?

The testimony of scripture is that God is unchanging (Hebrews 13:8). How should a book like Daniel encourage us about the future? How should we encourage one another about the future?

Daniel is a great example of serving the culture he lived in while at the same time lived distinct from that culture.

How can we serve our culture?

Where can we be tempted to not be distinct from our culture?

Daniel lived an exemplary life as an exile from his home in Jerusalem and his Jewish citizenship. Jesus lived a life perfect of serving and separation from his citizenship in heaven.

The good news of the gospel says to us that as Jesus lived a perfect and righteous exilic life, that life has been credited to you.

How does the gospel help us when we fall short?

How does the gospel encourage us as we are growing?

How does the gospel strengthen us as we are “risen” chosen, hidden in Christ, holy, beloved, above reproach and will be presented blamesless” (Col 1:22; 3:1-2,4, 12)?

In what specific way will the Holy Spirit help you not worry about the future?