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A NOTE FROM DR. DAVE

Shalom, friends,

Today on the show, the day after the election, we stopped to remember that God is still in charge. We sat with Israel in the wilderness in Psalm 78, we were reminded that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, and we walked into Babylon with Daniel, who stayed faithful even in captivity.

So let's open the Word together.

TODAY'S TEACHING

God is still in charge, so remain faithful

1. God is still in charge

REVELATION 12:17 · MATTHEW 24:6 · DANIEL 2:35; 4:17

Let me make this absolutely, positively clear: “God is still in charge. Nothing has changed.” Revelation 12 tells us the dragon “went to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus” (Revelation 12:17, BSB). Even so, “the kingdom of God prevails, and we still win.”

Jesus told His disciples, “see to it that you are not alarmed. These things must happen, but the end is still to come” (Matthew 24:6, BSB). Scripture says “the Most High rules over the kingdom of mankind and gives it to whom He wishes” (Daniel 4:17, BSB). So “we need to be a praying people, asking God to move upon leadership in such a way so as to reflect His will and His purposes.”

Jesus took twelve ordinary men under the rule of Rome. “They’re going to change the world. And they did.” Daniel saw a little stone that “became a great mountain and filled the whole earth” (Daniel 2:35, BSB). “Do you know what our team is? 10 trillion and 0. God has never lost. That’s the Captain of my team.”

2. Grace when gratitude was absent

PSALM 78:20–25 · PSALM 112:7

In the wilderness Israel asked, “can He also give bread or supply His people with meat?” (Psalm 78:20, BSB). “Therefore the LORD heard and was filled with wrath; so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and His anger flared against Israel, because they did not believe God or rely on His salvation” (Psalm 78:21–22, BSB). “Unbelief is never a small matter in the eyes and the heart of God.”

Yet “He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of the heavens. He rained down manna for them to eat… Man ate the bread of angels; He sent them food in abundance” (Psalm 78:23–25, BSB). “Grace responded even when gratitude was completely absent.” What will the big headline be next Thursday? “You don’t know? Well, I know Somebody Who does.” The one who trusts God “does not fear bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD” (Psalm 112:7, BSB).

3. Your wrestle is not flesh and blood

EPHESIANS 6:11–12 · 1 PETER 5:8

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world’s darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 6:12, BSB). That person in office you don’t like? “That person is not your wrestle.” Beneath the surface, “spiritual warfare is every single day.”

“Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8, BSB). So “put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil’s schemes” (Ephesians 6:11, BSB). The enemy is “not more powerful than God,” and he will never win the war.

4. Faithful, even in captivity

DANIEL 1:8–17 · HEBREWS 11:10

“God’s not freaking out. Your Dad is not freaking out, so don’t freak out.” In Daniel 1, young Daniel and his friends were carried off to Babylon. “Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king’s food or wine” (Daniel 1:8, BSB), and “God had granted Daniel favor and compassion from the chief official” (Daniel 1:9, BSB). “Even when the government is oppressive and horrible, you can still make up your mind not to defile yourself.”

“To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding in every kind of literature and wisdom” (Daniel 1:17, BSB). “Daniel remained faithful, even though captured.” “Your ability to endure any type of persecution is not based on your strength… It has to do with your dependence on God.” “You stand for God. He will stand by you.”

So “you take care of honoring your King.” We are looking “forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God” (Hebrews 11:10, BSB). “You’re a citizen of

heaven first… So remain faithful. God will honor you. God will protect you. God will provide for you."

FROM THE SHOW

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FOR REFLECTION

- What has God already done for you that you can thank Him for today?
- Where can you make up your mind, like Daniel, to stay faithful?

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"He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30, BSB).

Blessings,

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