

Letters to the Next President

Today's Message – "God Is Still In Control" (Part 1)

Message Study Guide

Introduction

What if you could write a letter to the next President and you knew he would read it? What would you say? What if you could be one of his closest advisors? How do you think we can solve some of the critical issues now facing our nation?

In Daniel 4 and 5, we find some very basic principles that, if followed by the next president, could bring tremendous blessing to our nation.

Discussion Outline

Mr. President, to be an effective leader, you must.....

1. Acknowledge that God is still in control
2. Acknowledge that you are President with power and authority because God placed you in that position
3. Acknowledge that you are accountable ultimately to God
4. Acknowledge that God is the Most High God

Discussion Questions

1. What leaders do you respect? Why do you think you respect them?
2. What leaders do you not respect? Why do you think you do not respect them?
3. In Daniel 4, Nebuchadnezzar's power was taken from him because he failed to acknowledge God's sovereignty over all things – including himself. How has the truth of God's sovereignty changed your best made plans?
4. What natural pitfalls do you think comes from being a leader? Why?

Think About It

Nebuchadnezzar was certainly a very gifted and talented leader! Yet he made the mistake of assuming that his greatness was due to his skills, talents, and abilities. He later realized that there was an unseen hand of the sovereign and supreme God of heaven and earth that had brought him to prominence. Why do you think so many leaders are arrogant and lifted up with pride because of success? Do you think it could happen to you?

Do Something About It!

This week, take a personal look at your self in all areas where you provide leadership. How do you think you can use these situations to help those under you?

Be Willing To Change

Daniel 4:37 "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and magnify and honor the King of heaven. Whose works are all faithful and right and whose ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to abase and humble.