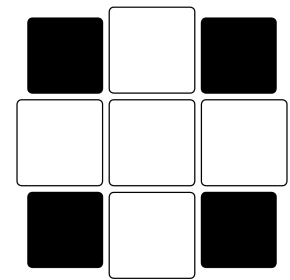


The Church in the World

Scripture: **Daniel 11**

Series: **The Pilgrim Life: Living as God's People in a Pagan Land**

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Overview

Countries come and go, empires rise and fall, leaders live and die. Even when things seem up in the air and uncertain, we (the church) are called to be bold. The prophecy in Daniel 11 shows us that **this boldness in and amongst the world is rooted in God's sovereignty, promises, and commands.**

Corroborating Texts

1 John 2:18, 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, Matthew 22:37–40, 1 Peter 3:8–18, Matthew 28:19–20, Matthew 5:43–48, John 15

Discussion Questions

1. How are we—Christians—supposed to live in this world? What keeps us from being afraid, weak, and so forth?
2. Describe God's **sovereignty**. What about this truth comforts us? In what ways are we sometimes short-sighted and take this comfort for granted?
3. List some **promises** of God that strengthen us. In what ways do we tend to be weak? How can we remember these promises and be encouraged by them when this is the case?
4. What two **commands** of God sum up *all* of God's commands? These are so simple to say and remember, but, of course, we tend to forget what they truly mean.
 - A. Discuss the true definition of "**all your heart, soul, and mind**," and how we tend to fall short.
 - B. Discuss the true definition of **loving our neighbor**—be sure to emphasize what true love is, as well as what a true neighbor is.
5. In light of these commands, God's promises, and His sovereignty, how do we obey the great commission? [we bear witness about Jesus boldly, though this may look different in different contexts]. Encourage the group that God not only calls, but *empowers* us to do these things.