



# Sermon Questions

December 21st, 2025 | Scripture: Daniel 7:9-14 – Face to Face with Daniel

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Write down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

## WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

*Reflect* on these passages that trace the theme of kingship throughout the scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-28
- 2 Samuel 7:12-17
- Isaiah 9:1-7
- Daniel 7:9-14
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Revelation 11:15-19

*Pray:* Psalm 145 extolls the greatness of the Lord and his righteous rule as King. Take time to read through this Psalm stopping to pray as the Spirit leads you. Praise the Lord for his majesty, plead with him for protection and provision, and treasure up the promises you find therein. May this passage comfort you in your time of distress, encourage you amidst the evil you experience, and remind you that you are a citizen of the heavenly kingdom this advent season.

*Serve:* There are **two big ways** that you can help extend hospitality and welcome during Advent and Christmas this year:

1. **Invite** your friends, family, and neighbors to one of our advent services or events.
2. **Serve** on Christmas Eve as we welcome many guests.

**Go to:** <https://mcleanpres.org/christmas/>  
To find more info about upcoming events and sign up to serve!

*Look Ahead:* Next week we will continue in our Advent series – Face to Face. The scripture passages will be Revelation 21:1-5, 22-27; 22:1-5 where we will see what awaits us in the New Heavens and New Earth.

## Core Questions

1. How does Daniel's exile in Babylon and living under foreign power and pressure shape how we hear this vision?
2. Knowing that apocalyptic literature uses vivid imagery to encourage God's people, how does that shape the way we interpret this vision?
3. Which part of the vision of the Lord on his throne (vv. 9–12) stands out to you most, and what does it reveal about who God is? (Ex: the title the Ancient of Days, the purity of his clothing, the fiery throne of judgement, or the myriads of people standing before him).
4. Verses 13–14 show the Son of Man already reigning. How does this shape our confidence in Jesus's power even when his rule is not yet fully visible?
5. How does this vision reframe who is truly in control of history?

## Inward Grace in Action

1. Where in your life or in the world does it appear that evil is winning right now?
2. How does knowing that Jesus is coming back to reign visibly on the earth help us to wait differently and face our current reality?

## Outward Grace in Action

1. What are some concrete ways you, your family, or your community group can care for one another amid despair, anxiety, and trauma as we wait for the Lord's return?

For Families: Ideas of how to keep the conversation going at home, in the car, or around the dinner table:

1. **A – Ask about the message:** Ask children what qualities they think make a good king or ruler. Then talk about how King Jesus, rules in ways that are always good, fair, and loving.
2. **S – Share your thoughts:** Share how this week's passages show Jesus as the one true King. His throne is fair and just, he cares for the poor and hurting, and he brings peace to all peoples.
3. **K – Keep it going:** Since it is Christmas week, make a craft as a gift for baby Jesus, the child who is also our King! As you work, you could listen to "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" and talk about how Jesus' kingship brings joy and peace.