



THE LIBERTY OF TROUBLE

A Study of Daniel 2

Scripture Reading: Daniel 2:31-38

Illustrations of God's Sovereignty:

Proverbs 16:4, 9, 33; 19:21; 20:24; 21:1, 31

Why does the Sovereign God take the liberty to trouble us for His glory and our good?

1. To bring us to a place with no answers (vv. 2-16) – even under the threat of death

2. To bring us to a place of total dependence upon Him, the eternal God (vv. 17-19a)

3. To bring us to a state of humility (vv. 19b-30) – Humble service is expressed in:
 - a. praise (v. 20)
 - b. acknowledgement of God's sovereignty (v. 21)
 - c. acknowledgement of God's omniscience (v. 22)
 - d. gratitude (v. 23)
 - e. acknowledgement of man's inadequacy (v. 24)

4. To get our attention and make known what is to be (vv. 31-45)
 - A. DESCRIPTION (vv. 31-35)
 - B. INTERPRETATION
 - i. "what is to be" (vv. 37-38)

 - ii. "what is to be after this" (vv. 39-43)

 - iii. "what will be in the latter days (v. 44)

5. To bring about the glory of God and the good of His children (vv. 46-49)

