



THE UNSHAKEN BOOK OF DANIEL

Unshaken: An Elevated Perspective

August 1st & 2nd

Speaker: Pastor Joshua Symonette

Scripture: Daniel 8

Series Overview

Unshaken is living countercultural, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken is letting your conscience be your guide, even if it lands you in a lion's den. God is not nervous. God is victorious. Simply put, God's got this! When the world feels shaken, we can rest upon the Unshaken One. When all else fails, He never will. Join us in this [12-week reading plan](#) as we dive deeper into the book of Daniel and how it applies to our lives today.

Series Discussion Questions

How are you living out what you're learning from the book of Daniel in your life right now?

Message Overview

In the 1980s, the Transformers toy and animation series debuted with a phrase, "more than meets the eye," which was simply about perspective. They were not what they seemed to be on the surface. Daniel 8, which on the surface seems weird and is difficult to grasp on the surface, is also about perspective. The vision that Daniel has is about the future and the struggle against good and evil. Daniel and his contemporaries see themselves in crisis, as the power of nations struggle against one another. But despite the struggle and suffering on the surface, God is still in control.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Read aloud the eighth chapter of Daniel. What verse(s) speak to you? Why?

In what areas of your life do you need an elevated perspective?

Pastor Joshua shared three main points:

1. Evil is real.
2. Even God's people will suffer.
3. Eventually God will prevail.

Marc Turnage says, "Evil is part of the Biblical worldview." What is your understanding of spiritual warfare? Have there been any shifts in your worldview since studying Daniel?

Think about a time where you have experienced refining through what you what were walking through. What was the experience like? What was the outcome?

How is the Church part of God's plan for combatting the evil in this world?

When have you received a vision or word in your life that appeared to be "beyond understanding"? How have you sat with that vision or word?

How do you personally get confidence and boldness to step into an elevated perspective?

Practical Application

- Spend time studying what the Bible says about evil and suffering. Here are some you could start with: [1 Peter 5:8-11](#), [Romans 5:1-5](#), [James 1](#)
- Pay attention to the limiting beliefs and negative messages that pop up into your thoughts about the world, yourself, others, and God. These are lies from the enemy. Write them down, find scriptures that oppose those thoughts, and declare these truths out loud.
- Pray the Lord's Prayer, stopping and meditating after each line:
Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name.
Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen
- We're continuing to join together in the "Upper Zoom" Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:14am. Find more details, including how to register, [here](#).