

God's Preeminence

1 Samuel 5:1-6:12

- I. God is Supreme above all false religion: God humiliated the Philistine idol Dagon by knocking it over and destroying it (5:1-5)
 - Our one true God will not tolerate competition.

- II. God has Authority to judge: God afflicted the Philistines with tumors for thinking they could capture the true God (5:6-12)
 - Disregarding God's preeminence brings consequences.

- III. God has the Right to be glorified: The Philistines realized they must glorify God and return the ark (6:1-6).
 - God will allow situations that force people to recognize and respond to His preeminence.

- IV. God has Complete Control of all He created: God supernaturally guided the cows who brought the ark back to Israel (6:7-12).
 - God will eventually be recognized by all as fully in control.