

Daniel 12

"Saving the Best for Last"

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Can you think of a time when you hoped for a better day? When was it? What happened?

As we finish our study of Daniel, what do you remember most about the man and his God? What are the keys to Daniel standing firm 'til the end of his life?

Daniel 12 reminds us that the promise of a better day makes all the difference today. Read Daniel 12:1-3

- What are the three things we should expect from verse 1?
- What did Jesus say about the "distress" at the end before His return? (cf Mt 24:1-22)
- Who will be delivered and what is the book? Look up Revelations 20:12-15
- If your name is in the book, the deliverance promised is what, according to verse 2?
- How does God's protection, deliverance and judgment motivate a Christ-follower to persevere through hard times?
- Those who are wise (who fear God--Proverbs 1) will shine like the stars and lead many to righteousness. What does that mean and what does it look like today? (cf Matthew 5:16 and Philippians 2:15)

Both the angels and Daniel couldn't figure out the timing of it all; maybe that should be a clue for us. What's more important to know than the timing? (Look at verses 9-13) What question do these verses answer?

What's the blessing given at the end of the book? (verse 12) Who gets it?

What exactly is the inheritance that is ours? Look up Daniel 7:27; Psalm 16:11 and Matthew 25:34. What about heaven motivates you to endure 'til the end? Read Revelations 21-22:6 for more.

Review chapter 12 and write down all the things that God does and we do that will help us endure to the end. Why is perseverance so important? (see Matthew 24:13)

Do you believe there will be a better day? In what area(s) does God want you to better align your actions with your faith?

Challenge: Read the Book of Revelation through a couple of times in the next month and see if our study of Daniel helps you better understand it.

Pray: Thank God for who He is and all He does for us. Ask Him to strengthen you, and those who suffer.

When we believe God's promise of a better day, we will persevere in faith 'til the end of our days.