

7. The numbers of days (1,290, 1,335) mentioned in 12:11-12 have generated all sorts of suggestions for what happens during the additional days beyond the 42 months consisting of 1,260 days (Rev. 12:6; 13:5). While we may not know the reason for the additional days, what is clear is the admonition to endure to the end! Compare this with the teaching of Jesus (Mark 13:13; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21).

8. What encouragement can we derive from the message of Daniel 12? What hope does it give to those under pressure for their faith?

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

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Pray for continued wisdom, sensitivity and discernment as they dialogue and meet with mission staff. Continue to ask God for direction from the Holy Spirit to know how they should listen and speak.

Daniel is full of names and descriptions of God. 12:7 adds a final one: "Him who lives forever." As you pray, contemplate the significance of this description for what has been revealed in this book, and praise God for this characteristic.

Sermon Notes

"The Reality of the Resurrection"

Daniel 12:1-13

September 6, 2015

Introduction:

1. This is a _____ ...

2. ... with two _____ ...

3. ... for two _____ ...

4. ... receiving very _____.

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 9-06-15

Questions adapted from Daniel: Life Change Series, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013, pp. 129-137; Douglas Connelly, Daniel: Spiritual Living in a Secular World, Intersity Press, Downers Grove, IL, 2000, pp. 44-46; John Lennox, Against the Flow: The Inspiration of Daniel in an Age of Relativism, Monarch Books, Grand Rapids, MI, 2015, p. 408.

Getting Started:

1. A universal question is, "What does the future hold, and how will history end?" How has your study of the book of Daniel enabled you to better answer that question?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Daniel 12:1-13. What links do you see between the deliverance for God's people mentioned in Daniel 12:1 and the divine protection mentioned in Psalm 91:11-12?
3. Regarding the topic of resurrection as brought up in Daniel 12:2, what links do you see in the words of Jesus in Matthew 25:46 and John 5:28-29?

Don't these verses contradict the claim that salvation is by faith alone? No, they do not. "Our deeds will be the public evidence brought forth in Christ's courtroom to demonstrate *that our faith is real*. ... In other words, salvation is by grace through faith, and rewards are by grace through faith, but the evidence of invisible faith in the judgment hall of Christ will be a transformed life. Our deeds are not the basis of our salvation, they are the evidence of our salvation." (Italics in original; John Piper, Future Grace, Sisters, Oregon: Multnomah Publishers, 1995, p. 364)

4. Does the reality of your personal physical resurrection affect your day-to-day life now? If so, in what ways?
5. What personal significance do you find for the promises stated in Daniel 12:3? Can you see yourself in this imagery?
6. In Daniel 12:8, Daniel was told to go on with his life (12:9, 13) even though he didn't fully understand all that he had been told (12:8). Describe a time when you had to trust God even though you didn't understand what he was doing in your life.