

# DANIEL

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## Encouragement from Daniel: Living as Wise and Righteous Ones... Daniel 12

### Summary

- The Messenger commands Daniel to seal his vision until the "time of the end" (Dan. 12:4)
- The Messenger clarifies the time of completion for the vision's astonishing events (Dan. 12:7)
- Not understanding the vision's conclusion, Daniel's final question receives a partial answer (Dan. 12:10 - 12)
- Daniel is promised a future inheritance among the "wise righteous" (Dan. 12:13)

### Living as Wise & Righteous Ones ... *New Covenant Style!*

1. God has personally qualified us for a life of influential service in Jesus's Kingdom. (Dan. 1:8)  
*2 Cor. 3:4* Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. *5* Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, *6* who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant...
2. Placed in Christ, God has personally freed us from all other allegiances. (Dan. 3:17 - 18)  
*Col. 2:8* See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. *9* For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, *10* and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.
3. We experience total forgiveness and cleansing through the Holy Spirit. (Dan. 9:18b - 19)  
*1 Cor. 6:11* And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
4. We have complete assurance that we are loved and "famous" in heaven. (Dan. 10:19)  
*Romans 8: 31b* If God is for us, who can be against us? *32* He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?...*38* For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, *39* nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
5. Through Jesus, we have "all access" ... (Dan 6:10)
  - ... to remain faithful when facing temptation and persecution.  
*Heb. 4: 14* Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. *15* For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. *16* Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- ... to receive Heaven's resources in our mission  
*2 Cor. 1:11* You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many. (See also Eph. 6:18-20.)
- ... to experience the Father's calming reassurance in every situation.  
*Phil. 4:6* do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. *7* And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ... even when we don't know what to ask for.  
*Rom. 8:26* Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. *27* And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### Therefore, We are Fully Equipped to Influence Others for Eternity

*Dan. 12: 3* And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever

*Titus 2: 11* For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, *12* training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, *13* waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, *14* who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### Reflection/Discussion

1. Do you believe you can eternally influence others because you are "in" Christ?
2. What have you learned in our study of Daniel that will change how you live as a follower of Jesus? Share this with someone.
3. Daniel was persistent in prayer. What thoughts prevent you from a dynamic life of prayer, thanksgiving and intercession? Re-read the verses listed under point # 5 above. How do these encourage you? Tip: Visit [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com) and type in "pray" into the search field. Read all the passages in the New Testament that discuss why, when, and how to pray. What consistent themes do you see in these passages?

### SONGS

"I AM SET FREE" - Leslie Jordon

"THIS IS AMAZING GRACE" - Phil Wickham, Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle

"JESUS WE LOVE YOU" - Hannah McClure, Kalley Heilingenthal, Paul McClure

"ALL HAIL KING JESUS" - Ran Jackson, Peter Mattis, Jeremy Riddle, and Steffany Gretzinger

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