

# DANIEL

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## Influencers for Righteousness DANIEL 12

### God Commends Daniel's Faithfulness and Godly Influence

1. The Messenger tells Daniel to seal his vision until "the time of the end." (v. 4)

*Dan. 12:4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and for, and knowledge shall increase."*

2. The Messenger clarifies the time of completion for the vision's astonishing events. (v. 7)

*Dan. 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.*

3. Not understanding the vision's conclusion, Daniel's final question receives a partial answer. (vv. 10-12)

*Dan. 12:10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand.*

4. Daniel is promised a future inheritance among the wise and righteous. (v. 13)

*Dan. 12:13 But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days."*

*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.*

### Like Daniel, We are Freed to Live Lives of Faithfulness and Godly Influence

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1. God intentionally uses his people to influence others for his kingdom.

*2 Cor. 2:14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere*

2. We share Christ's victory and the power of his gospel through our lives.

*2 Cor. 2:15 For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?*

3. We hold out the pure gospel message to those with whom we have influence.

*2 Cor. 2:17 For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.*

4. God has qualified us to boldly influence others.

*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...*

## Reflection/Discussion

1. Are you growing in your conviction that God uses his people to influence the world around us? What specific thing can you do this week to keep this in mind?
2. Because of the New Covenant, we have full freedom to live wisely and righteously, with the goal of advancing Jesus' kingdom. In light of this, draft a two to three-sentence mission statement for your life. (Example: "To glorify God by being a faithful steward of what is entrusted to us. To have a positive influence on all who come in contact with \_\_\_\_\_.")
3. How has our study of Daniel equipped you in dealing with hostility, pressure, or insecurity in a God-glorifying way?

## SONGS

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

"GOD WITH US (ALL SONS & DAUGHTERS)" - Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan

"REVELATION SONG" - Jennie Lee Riddle

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

## BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$ 45,239.69

WEEKLY NEED: \$ 36,093.00

Y-T-D GIVING: \$ 1,387,640.94

Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$ 1,443,720.00