



The Book of Daniel

Daniel 12

INTRODUCTION

In the closing chapter of Daniel we are given the hope of the resurrection. This final defeat of death by life will culminate our eternal rest in Christ. Until then, we are implored to labor out toward that rest.

DISCUSSION

1. Why is a physical, bodily resurrection so important for salvation? Why can't our resurrection simply be spiritual in nature?
2. Read Dn 12:4. Why would God want these words concealed and put away? What does this say about apocalyptic literature and prophecy?
3. While we all want to rest from our labors, this passage tells us that for now, we need to labor on, in Christ, toward our rest. What does it mean, practically speaking, to labor on toward our rest in Christ?
4. Read Daniel 12:3. What does this tell us about the importance of evangelism? Could it be that evangelism is one of the greatest acts of worship and obedience?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:8-9 and Romans 2:4. Discuss this quote: "God's delay in Jesus' return is not for those that know Christ, but for those who don't know him."

APPLICATION

Finishing Daniel, spend some time discussing what you've found most applicable from our time in this incredibly complex and rich book. What challenged you? Have your views changed or stayed the same on certain issues? How has this affected your following after Christ?

PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer with one another for things drawn out of the discussion.