



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - February 11, 2024

The Marks of the Wise Daniel 12

Context: Daniel 10-11

- The Reality of Spiritual Warfare – 10:1-21
- The Succession of Sovereignty – 11:1-20
- The Rotten Refiners – 11:21-45

I. They Live PROTECTED – 12:1

Now at that time, Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise . . . and at that time, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued
Daniel 12:1

A. COMFORTING Protection

B. COUNT ON IT Protection

II. They Live PERSECUTED

And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time . . . It would be for a time, times, and half a time; and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed.

Daniel 12:1b,7

A. It will get WORSE

B. It is a REFINING TOOL

III. They Live PROMISED

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Daniel 12:2

A. RESURRECTED Hope

B. RESURRECTED Help

IV. They Live POINTED

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:3

Wisely Pointing to Jesus – 12:3

A. Value His Word – 12:4

B. Trust His Timing – 12:5-9

C. Pursue His Holiness – 12:10

D. Endure to the End – 12:11-13

Life Group Study Notes
The Marks of the Wise
Daniel 12

1. Scripture has much to say about how the wise person navigates life. Give a description of what you think a wise believer looks like in our present-day culture.
2. Chapters 10-11 of Daniel reveal that we are in a Spiritual Battle, God is in Charge of Everything, and God will use horrible people to accomplish His purposes. How is this encouraging? How is this hard?
3. Israel is protected by Michael, the Arch Angel during the tribulation (12:1). We also know God protects all his people with His angelic forces (Heb. 1:14). How does an angelic presence comfort you?
4. What is the ultimate protection referenced at the end of verse one? How does salvation guarantee deliverance?
5. The Bible is clear that things will continually get worse for those who follow Christ. What is God's purpose in allowing persecution of His church and His people Israel (12:7b)? How is he doing this in your life presently?
6. How does the promise of the Resurrection give us hope and perspective of what is truly valuable in this life?
7. The believer who understands God's protection in an ever-worsening world and the unshakeable hope of the resurrection is free to point people

to Christ. What are the four marks of a person who wisely points people to Jesus?

8. Which of these four marks do you think the Holy Spirit is presently calling you to spend more time pursuing?

Value His Word/Trust His Timing/Pursue His Holiness/Endure to the End