

Daniel 12:1-13

Today's passage is the conclusion of the fourth vision and the conclusion of the entire book of Daniel. God specifically reveals that a time of great tribulation will come in the last days. In this end time, this time of tribulation, what should the Church and the people of God look toward, and how should we keep our faith?

First, we must look to God who fights with us.

In verse 1, it says that Michael, the great prince who protects the people and fights against the devil, will arise. The Church must move forward believing that the Lord will fight and protect us. We live in confusing times. It may seem like the Church is losing its light. God's Word and the principles of truth are being broken down in the world. Many churches around the world are experiencing persecution and tribulation. One thing is certain: the power of evil spirits will grow stronger. The Church and Christians will experience even greater tribulation. Living by faith will be even harder for the next generation than it is for us.

In times like these, we must fix our eyes on something – on the Lord who is with us, who protects us, and who fights for us.

Second, we must look to God's salvation.

Later in verse 1, the phrase "at that time" appears again, and what does God say? He says that everyone whose name is found written in the book will be delivered. In today's passage, those who are saved are described as all who are written in the book. This book refers not to the Bible but to the Book of Life (Revelation 20:12-15).

Salvation is not only about entering heaven in the end, but first and foremost about being rescued from difficulty. This means that God will save His children – those who belong to Jesus – from tribulation, and also ultimately lead them to eternal salvation. No matter how intense the tribulation becomes, those who hear the gospel, accept Jesus, belong to Him, and live according to His Word will not only be protected by God, but also be saved in the midst of trials.

Above all, we must live in the last days with our eyes on eternal life and resurrection. God's people know that this world is not everything. So, God's people do not despair because of the things of this world. May we live by faith without despair, because we have a brighter and more glorious heaven and the hope of salvation. I bless you in the name of the Lord.

Third, we must hold on to the mission given by God.

We must understand that we have an important mission to fulfill in these last days (Matthew 28:18-20). In verse 3, it says that those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever. First, we must be wise – we must first believe in Jesus, the Truth, become children of God, and receive salvation. Then what should we do? We must lead others to righteousness.

In the last days, the Church and the people of God must stand firmly on the gospel. And we must proclaim the gospel and lead others to salvation. This is the Church's mission. It is the reason we exist. What is the motto of our church? "A church that stands firmly on the rock of truth and proclaims the gospel."

In verse 9, God tells Daniel, "Go your way." In verse 13, He tells him to wait for the end. God wants the Church to move forward boldly in the last days.

**Bible
Memorization**

A VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” (Daniel 12:3)

**Bible
Reading**

4/7(Mon)	4/8(Tue)	4/9(Wed)	4/10(Thur)	4/11(Fri)	4/12(Sat)	4/13(Sun)
1 Samuel 5-8	1 Samuel 9-10	1 Samuel 11-13	1 Samuel 14-15	1 Samuel 16-17	1 Samuel 18-20	1 Samuel 21-23

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Quiet Time Passage

4/7(Mon)	4/8(Tue)	4/9(Wed)	4/10(Thur)	4/11(Fri)	4/12(Sat)	4/13(Sun)
Numbers 11:1-9	Numbers 11:10-23	Numbers 11:24-35	Numbers 12:1-8	Numbers 12:9-16	Numbers 13:1-24	Numbers 13:25-33

**Sharing
Questions**

1. Share any grace or experience you had with God through last week’s message or during your quiet time this week.

2. Share any new insights or grace you received from today’s message.

3. Discuss how we can each practically carry out our God-given mission of evangelism, and pray together.