Nov. 26/27 **DANIEL: "Shining in a Dark World"** Ray Davis "Our Bright Future" (Daniel 12)

Story: "I think if I could have seen the shore, I would have made it." Florence Chadwick (Swimming from Catalina Island to mainland California)

Where there is no vision, the people perish (Pro.29:18 KJV). Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion. Passion gives us the perseverance to crash through quitting points. As the world gets darker and life gets harder a vision of Our Bright Future will give us passion to persevere.

Seven Truths About Our Bright Future:

Verse 1

1) No matter how difficult life gets <u>deliverance</u> awaits those who put their faith in Christ. Gal.6:9

Verse 2

2) The <u>high stakes</u> for every person is everlasting life (heaven) or everlasting death (hell). John 3:16-17

Verse 3

3) Those with a <u>Biblical World View</u> will shine in this dark world and turn many to Christ. Josh.1:8

Verse 4

4) Hang on to this end-times insight until it's needed then you won't <u>run around frantically</u> trying to figure out what's going on. John 14:27, 16:33

Daniel chapters 1-6 taught us HOW we can shine in a dark world. Because God is our Savior He always gives us what we need when life is beyond our control.

Daniel chapters 7-12 taught us WHY we can shine in a dark world. Because God is Sovereign over history our life is never out of control as He works all things for our good and His glory.

Verses 5-7 Dan.7:25, 9:27; Rev.11:2, 3, 12:6, 14, 13:5

5) Our light and momentary trials are achieving for us an eternal glory that **far outweighs** them all. 2Cor.4:16-18

Verses 8-12

6) Continue on the path of <u>righteousness</u> and <u>wisdom</u> vs. the path of wickedness and folly. Pro.4:18; Matt.22:34-40; Dan.10:11,19

Verse 13

7) <u>Finish your race</u> without fretting or worrying and when it's all over you will receive your reward. Heb.12:1-2; Matt.25:23

Growing Notes

- 1) What happens if you don't have vision (Pro.29:18)? What is vision? How does vision give us passion to persevere? In what area of your life do you need vision?
- 2) As the world gets darker and life gets harder how will a vision of Our Bright Future give us passion to persevere? Read Daniel 12:1-13 with that in mind.
- 3) What is the promise of verse 1 and who it is for? What are the high stakes according to verse 2? What does it say about the wise in verse 3? The wise have a Biblical World View (Josh.1:8). What is a Biblical World View and how important is it (Ps.119:105)?
- 4) What have you learned from the book of Daniel (end times insight) that will keep you from running around frantically trying to figure out what's going on (John 14:27, 16:33)? What are our light and momentary trials achieving for us (vv5-7; 2Cor.4:16-18)?
- 5) What does it mean to continue on the path of righteousness and wisdom (vv8-12; Pro.4:18)? What is the Angel's final word to Daniel and how important is it (v13; Heb.12:1-3; Matt.25:23)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.

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- >Elders/Pastors available after every service to pray with you.
- >Call the church office to be added to the prayer chain.
- >Sunday night prayer meeting 6pm, in the lobby
- >Elders meeting 3rd Wed. monthly, Elders available for prayer and anointing.

James 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord

Weekly Happenings at DBCC

- > PRAYER NIGHT: Sundays @ 6pm in the Central Lobby
- > SEASONS OF CARE: Last 2022 meeting is Nov. 21st
- > FOOD PANTRY: Thursdays @ 11:30am Community Hall
- > GRIEF SHARE: Thursdays @ 7pm in the Family Room
- > CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Fridays @ 6:30pm Anomaly Room.

Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9am - 3pm 602-374-4588

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Dec. 3/4 Why Worldview Matters Matt. 7:24-27 Dec. 10/11 Creation (A Purpose) Genesis 1-2

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