



## Going Deeper Daniel 12

What are your “takeaways” from the Daniel Series?

### THE MISSION OF THE KINGDOM

*Daniel 11:32 – But the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.*

Key question in Daniel 12: Will the people of God endure when evil does it's worse?

### THE CONDITIONS AROUND THE MISSION

Daniel points to 3 powerful motivations to endure and persevere in the mission of God even when times are difficult.

1. Resurrection Hope
2. Eternal Reward

*“It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the officer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”*

- C.S. Lewis

### 3. Angelic Protection

- a. Daniel prays in **Daniel 9**; angels show up and bring God’s salvific power to earth in **Daniel 10**.
- b. We see spiritual beings (angels and demons) waging war in the heavenly places all throughout Daniel but the battle shows up on earth.

Where do you see this in our community/world around us?

## THE COST OF THE MISSION

### THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSION

- It looks as though evil wins
- Repeated theme in Daniel (and in the Bible); God is doing his best redemptive work THROUGH evil (not around it, in spite of it, or without it).

*“... we will stand amazed to see the topside of the tapestry and how God beautifully embroidered each circumstance into a pattern for our good and His glory.”*

- Joni Eareckson Tada