



TRIUMPH: "YOU SHALL REST AND SHALL STAND IN YOUR ALLOTTED PLACE"

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In your opinion, would the Christian life be worth living if triumph was not guaranteed by God?

Dig In

Final triumph is coming for those who believe in Christ. Recognize the hard-won victory (12:1)

- At the most difficult point of trouble, God pledged to send Michael to help his people battle the spiritual forces against them. Do you recognize the spiritual opposition in your life?
- How do we cooperate with God to be delivered from spiritual enemies?

Anticipate the life-giving resurrection (12:2-4)

- Do you see our resurrection as a promised "fact" or a romanticized "fairy-tale" of Christian belief?
- What's the difference this point of view will make as we approach great risk to our life or livelihood because of what we believe?

Rest in God's never-failing promise (12:5-9)

- Many believers have spent much energy trying to interpret details that are "shut-up" and "sealed" until "the time of the end" yet Daniel is told go his way and accept what has been shared without fully understanding it. How does constant speculation about how all this will come to pass miss the point of why it was shared in the first place?
- What is Jesus' promise to his church and how does this promise comfort you personally when it looks like opposition will increase? (John 14:1-3, 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12)

Choose your eternity-defining destiny (12:10)

- The ESV explains three practices that wise understanding people do while they wait for the end to come: They purify themselves, they make themselves white, and they let themselves be refined. What is the spiritual significance of these activities? Why must they be done in response to Christ's mercy instead of as a method of obtaining it?
- How have you involved Jesus in your life as you prepare now for eternity?

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Get on with your God-ordained life (12:11-13)

- Daniel had this vision of the future but his God-ordained life was to be figured out in real-time daily decisions. This vision didn't change his present situation but gave him extra perspective. What extra perspective does the book of Daniel give you for facing opposition to your faith?
- How does the guarantee of victory shape your general approach to enduring spiritual opposition in its various forms?

Break Out

Pick one place where you need a spiritual win and remind yourself that in Christ, the most necessary battle for victory is already won and at the end, your enemy will be defeated by Jesus' power. Now, how do you want to face that problem differently?