



DANIEL 12

The Time of the end

13 "But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days. - Daniel 12:13

At the end of the prophetic message of the end times in Daniel 12, the Lord tells Daniel to "Go your way," almost as if to say, this stuff is important but it's not for this time. I believe this is the healthiest attitude for the study of eschatology. It is important to know that through all the dark times we and the world will struggle through, God has a plan, and his glory will be revealed to the world in due time! No matter which side of the eschatological conversation we find ourselves on, it's important to know that we can't truly pinpoint anything until it happens. Until then we have educated guesses with great Biblical evidence. A great principle is to **'Not make a law where there is no law.'** So, if it's all based on well-educated guesses and speculation, Why study it at all? How does it affect the way we live? Jesus' answer was found in Mark 13:34 **"It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch."** If the doorkeeper was to keep watch, then it stands to reason the groundskeeper would tend to the grounds, and when the master comes back unannounced he would then be pleased with the condition of the house. What is the condition of your house?

Looking back at the Lord's message to Daniel was 'You go your way,' And the way of Daniel was truly the way of the Lord, as he had surrendered himself to God's will for his life. He had a purpose in this life, just as each of us, when we surrender to God have a purpose on earth. Bluntly that purpose is to 'Make Disciples' But too many times all we can manage is to make excuses.

How is Mark 13:32-37 similar to the Great Commission?

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to keep an open mind during discussion of end times?
2. Daniel was told to 'Go his way' What is your way? What is your role on earth while we anxiously await going home?
3. What value or comfort you find in the promised deliverance from the 'time of great trouble' promised in Daniel 12?
4. Vs 3 shows us the wise shall shine. What is this wisdom that makes us 'shine' and where does it come from? How do we turn people to righteousness?
5. Vs 8 shows us that Daniel heard but did not understand and asked the Lord for clarification. How often do we misunderstand God's word? Where do we go for clarification? Is it ok to question the meaning of Scripture?