**Going deeper in Daniel 12:1-13**

**INTRODUCTION**

The section before has covered 600 years of the future of Judah under Persia and Greece. The angel has begun to communicate about time at the end of human history. This section moves into the culmination of all of human history and reassurances for Daniel and for you and I of God’s good intentions for and sovereignty over all of human time.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.*

1 That is when Michael, the great angel prince will stand up for your people. There will be a time of trouble, the worst trouble the world has ever seen, but your people will be saved. Every last one that is written in the Book. 2 And many who sleep in the dust of the earth will wake up, some to eternal life and others to eternal shame. 3 Those who are wise will shine brilliantly like the heavens and those who turn others to righteousness will shine like stars forever. 4 But as for you, Daniel, stop and seal the words of the book until the end. Many will run frantically trying to figure out what’s going on. 5 Then I, Daniel, looked and there stood before me two others. One standing on this bank of the river and one on the other bank. 6 One of them asked another man who was clothed in white linen and was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?” 7 The man in white linen, who was above the waters of the river raised both hands toward heaven and I heard him solemnly swear by One who lives forever, “It will for a time, times, and half a time. When the oppression of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.” 8 I heard, but did not understand so I asked, “My lord what will be the outcome of all of this?” 9 He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. 10 Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will keep on being wicked without a clue about what is happening. 11 From the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1290 days. 12 Blessed is he who waits and comes to 1335 days. 13 As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest and then at the end of the days you will receive your allotted inheritance.

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. In your lifetime what has been the worst experience that the world has gone through? How did you see the Lord had worked in that time?

2. What enables Daniel to not be who, “runs frantically tiring to figure out what is going?” What helps you in those times of uncertainty? How can you help others?

3. Who do you think the man in “white linen” is?

4. How can difficult times help to “refine, purify, and make spotless” a person? Difficult times can also make people bitter and disillusioned. In your experience what has made the difference between a difficult time refining you or making you disillusioned?

5. God is in charge of the timeline. Have you made Him in charge of your timeline? If you are part of a small group share that with the rest of the group.

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank the Lord for being in charge of the world’s timeline and yours.

\*Thank the Lord ahead of time for the both the good things and the difficult things that you will experience in your day.

\*Ask the Lord to refine and purify you today.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

Daniel again reminds us that all of history, yours and the world’s lie in His hands. Will you live with confidence in Him this week regardless of the circumstances that you face? Will others see your confidence in Him?