

STANDING STRONG

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In Daniel Chapter 1 we talked about Eroding Foundations

1. Internal Desires
2. The Flow of Cultural Pressure
3. Carnal Christianity
4. Fear of Failure
5. Cost Compromises

In Chapter 2 we said we need to Look to God

1. For Hope
2. For Answers
3. For Wisdom
4. For Strength
5. In All Seasons and All Circumstances

In Chapter 3 we saw that Stand Strong mean's Not Bowing Down

1. Don't Bow Down... No matter how BIG the ISSUES may seem
2. Don't Bow Down... No matter how POWERFUL the VOICES may be
3. Don't Bow Down... No matter how LOUD the NOISES may be
4. Don't Bow Down... No matter how VAST the MAJORITY may be
5. Don't Bow Down... No matter how HARSH the CONSEQUENCES can Be
6. Don't Bow Down... No matter how BEAUTIFUL the IMAGE may seem
7. Don't Bow Down... No matter how unCERTAIN DELIVERANCE may seem

Chapter 4 taught us to have a greater perspective of Humility

1. towards God,
2. towards ourselves,
3. and toward others

Daniel chapter 5 Teaches us the importance of living a life of Repentance

1. Awareness of Sin and its consequences
2. A Remorse for Sin
3. A Confession of your sin
4. A Desire to leave sin behind
5. A Hunger for more of Jesus
6. Acceptance of the work Christ has done for us
7. A growing hatred of sin and love of Christ

Daniel Chapter 6

1. Trust God when things are changing around you
2. Trust God when those around you seek to tear you down
3. Trust God when things begin to get crazy
4. Trust God and keep on praying
5. Trust God when things go from crazy to horrible
6. Trust God even when your fate seems sealed
7. Trust God and let Him deal with your enemies

Daniel 7-8 - Understanding God's Plan

In order to gain that understanding there are four important principles we need to discuss

1. Relationship Required
2. Receiving Revelation
3. Repeated Reexamination
4. Resist Reinterpretation

Daniel Chapter 9 - Standing Strong Through Prayer

Pray with...

1. Penitence
2. Perspective
3. Purpose
4. Power
5. Passion
6. Persistence
7. Patience

Daniel Chapter 10 - Spiritual Warfare

1. Our God is bigger
2. Our weapons are stronger
3. The outcome has already been guaranteed in our favor

Daniel Chapter 11 - Integrity

1. Living with honesty amidst a sea of dishonesty
2. Living upright in and upside down world
3. Living with compassion and grace in the face of anger and hatred
4. Living with focus, purpose and direction in a fractured and duplicitous World

Daniel Chapter 12 - Prepared

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The End Times

12 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. **2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. **3** Those who are wise^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. **4** But you, Daniel, roll up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. **6** One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, “How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?”

7 The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, “It will be for a time, times and half a time.^[b] When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed.”

8 I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, “My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?”

9 He replied, “Go your way, Daniel, because the words are rolled up and sealed until the time of the end. **10** Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

11 “From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. **12** Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

13 “As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.”

1. Stand Strong by being prepared for Temptations, Trials and Tribulations

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then.

Part of the distress we need to be prepared for are the temptations that we will continue to face in increasing manner as we approach the end.

Matthew 26:41 New International Version (NIV)

41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 New International Version (NIV)

13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

4 Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.”

With the increase of knowledge will come a decrease of faith. 1 Corinthians 8:1 says that Knowledge puffs up. People replace faith with knowledge. They believe they know more than God, that they can solve their own problems and do not need God.

Romans 1:28-32 New International Version (NIV)

28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. **29** They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; **31** they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. **32** Although they know God’s righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

There will be an increase of knowledge in the church as well that has both good and bad connotations

Matthew 24:11-14 New International Version (NIV)

11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. **12** Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **13** but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. **14** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

10 Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.

Daniel 12 refers to the wise twice as opposed to those who just increase in knowledge

In addition to temptations we will also face trials and tribulations of many kinds

1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 New International Version (NIV)

2 We sent Timothy, who is our brother and co-worker in God's service in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, **3** so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. For you know quite well that we are destined for them.

2 Peter 2:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

John 16:33 New International Version (NIV)

33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

7 "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."

11 "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. **12** Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.

THE GREAT TRIBULATION

2. Stand Strong by being prepared for the Rapture, Judgement, and Eternity

1 But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. **2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

13 “As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance.”

Rapture

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 New International Version (NIV)

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Matthew 25:1-13 New International Version (NIV)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

25 “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. **4** The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

7 “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

9 “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

10 “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

12 “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

13 “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Judgment

We will all face judgment whether righteous or Wicked

Hebrews 9:27 New International Version (NIV)

27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

Judgments that have already occurred:

The judgment of Adam and Eve ([Genesis 3:14–24](#)). God banished the first couple from the Garden of Eden for violating His clear command not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This judgment affected all of creation ([Genesis 3:17–18](#); [Romans 8:20–22](#)).

The judgment of the antediluvian world ([Genesis 7:17–24](#)). God sent a [worldwide flood](#) in judgment of mankind's sin in Noah's time. The flood destroyed all of mankind and the animal world, except for Noah and his family, whose faith led them to obey God's command to build the ark.

The judgment at the Tower of Babel ([Genesis 11:5–9](#)). Noah's post-flood descendants remained in one location in defiance of God's command, so God [confused their language](#), causing them to disperse over the earth.

The judgment of Egypt and their gods ([Exodus 7–12](#)). The [ten plagues](#) against Egypt at the time of the exodus were "mighty acts of judgment" ([Exodus 7:4](#)) against a stubborn, cruel king and an idolatrous people and their gods ([Exodus 12:12](#)).

The judgment of believers' sins ([Isaiah 53:4–8](#)). Jesus took this judgment upon Himself by His crucifixion and death. "He suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone" ([Hebrews 2:9](#)). Because our sin was judged at the cross, "There is now [no condemnation](#) for those who are in Christ Jesus" ([Romans 8:1](#)). It was also at the cross that God pronounced judgment on the unbelieving world and on the enemy of our souls, Satan. As Jesus said shortly before His arrest, "Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out" ([John 12:31](#)).

Judgments occurring now in the church age:

Self-evaluation ([1 Corinthians 11:28](#)). Believers practice self-examination, prayerfully and honestly assessing their own spiritual condition. The church helps in this endeavor to purify the Body of Christ ([Matthew 18:15–17](#)). Self-judgment requires each believer to be spiritually discerning, with a goal of being more like Christ ([Ephesians 4:21–23](#)).

Divine discipline ([Hebrews 12:5–11](#)). As a father lovingly corrects his children, so [the Lord disciplines](#) His own; that is, He brings His followers to a place of repentance and restoration when they sin. In so doing, He makes a distinction between us and the world: “When we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world” ([1 Corinthians 11:32](#)). Whom Christ loves, He chastens ([Revelation 3:19](#)).

Judgments to occur in the future:

The judgments of the tribulation period ([Revelation 6–16](#)). These terrible judgments are pictured as [seven seals opened](#), seven trumpets blown, and seven bowls poured out. God’s judgment against the wicked will leave no doubt as to His wrath against sin. Besides punishing sin, these judgments will have the effect of bringing the nation of Israel to repentance.

The judgment seat of Christ ([2 Corinthians 5:10](#)). Resurrected (and raptured) believers in heaven will be judged for their works. Sin is not in view at this judgment, as that was paid for by Christ, but only faithfulness in Christian service. Selfish works or those done with wrong motives will be burned up (the “wood, hay, and stubble” of [1 Corinthians 3:12](#)). Works of lasting value to the Lord will survive (the “gold, silver, and precious stones”). Rewards, which the Bible calls “crowns” ([Revelation 3:11](#)) will be given by the One who is “not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him” ([Hebrews 6:10](#)).

2 Corinthians 5:10 New International Version (NIV)

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14 New International Version (NIV)

12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, **13** their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. **14** If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

The judgment of the nations ([Matthew 25:31–46](#)). After the tribulation, the Lord Jesus will sit in judgment over the Gentile nations. They will be judged according to their treatment of Israel during the tribulation. This judgment is also called the judgment of [the sheep and the goats](#) because of the imagery Jesus uses in the [Olivet Discourse](#). Those who showed faith in God by treating Israel favorably (giving them aid and comfort during the tribulation) are the “sheep” who will enter into the Millennial Kingdom. Those who followed the Antichrist’s lead and persecuted Israel are the “goats” who will be consigned to hell.

The judgment of angels ([1 Corinthians 6:2–3](#)). Paul says that Christians will judge angels. We aren’t exactly sure what this means, but the angels facing judgment would have to be the

fallen angels. It seems that Satan's hordes of demons will be judged by the redeemed ones of the Lamb. Some of these demons are already imprisoned in darkness and awaiting judgment, according [Jude 1:6](#), due to their leaving their proper dwelling place.

The Great White Throne Judgment ([Revelation 20:11–15](#)). This final judgment of unbelievers for their sins occurs at the end of the Millennium, before the creation of the new heaven and earth. At this judgment, unbelievers from all the ages are judged for their sins and consigned to the lake of fire.

From <<https://www.gotquestions.org/all-the-judgments.html>>

Revelation 20:11-15 New International Version (NIV)

The Judgment of the Dead

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. **12** And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. **14** Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Romans 10:9 New International Version (NIV)

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

3. Stand Strong by being prepared to take as many with you as possible

3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Mark 16:15 New International Version (NIV)

15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.