

Series: Daniel, Living for God in a Pagan World Passage: Daniel 12, 1 Cor 15:35-49, and Various Title: The Bodily Resurrection of the Saints Speaker: Pastor David Menard, 12/01/2024

**Discussion Starter** – When does your eternal life begin? How do you imagine you will remain engaged and active throughout the ages to come? Will there be challenges to overcome? What will motivate you? These are speculative questions, but how we answer these questions can shed light on the things that motivate us in this temporal existence.

## Read Daniel 12:1-3

- 1. When is "that time" that is referenced at the beginning and end of this verse?
- 2. Who are Daniel's people? What is the qualifier? What is promised to those qualified?
- 3. What is clearly stated about those who sleep in the dust? How does this promise correspond to the consequence pronounced in Genesis 3:19?
- 4. What 2 different resurrections are referenced in this passage and John 5:28-29?
  - a. Are you confident your name is in "The Book of Life?" How can you be assured?

## Read Exodus 32:31, Job 19:25-27, and Psalm 16:9-11

- 5. What do these passages reveal about God's promise for life after death?
- 6. Is a bodily resurrection of the dead a concept that was not taught in the Old Testament? What other Old Testament references speak of a resurrection?
- 7. Death was not a part of God's initial creation. Genesis 3 describes how humankind forfeited eternal life. What is the plan of restoration that is implied in this passage?
  - b. How can we avail ourselves of God's offer of restoration to eternal life and participation in the first resurrection?

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

- 8. In what ways is our earthly body related to our eternal body?
- 9. How are seeds related to mature trees? What different and unique examples were provided in the message?
- 10. What 3 people in the Bible possessed eternal bodies? What can we infer from them about eternal bodies?
- 11. Read 1 Corinthians 3:12-15. What will be revealed on the Day?
  - c. What does it mean to build your life with wood, hay, and stubble compared to gold, silver, and precious stones?
  - d. What do these different building materials reveal to us concerning our eternal bodies? Are we to expect to be bedazzled metal robots? What choices can you make tomorrow that will result in lasting gold, silver, and precious stones?