

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

**Title:** "The Last Word: Life After Death"

**Text:** Daniel 12

**Series:** *The Book of Daniel*

- Q: What happens to us after we die?
- Q: How should we live as we approach death?

### **#1. God has the last word on each person's eternity (Daniel 12:1-4)**

- Despite unprecedented trial, God will protect / deliver His people (written in the book) (v. 1)
- God will resurrect the dead to either life or contempt (vv. 2-3)
- God will reveal the Truth that cannot be found anywhere else (v. 4)

### **#2. Those who trust in God for salvation will rest, rise, and receive their inheritance (Daniel 12:5-13)**

- God, through supernatural beings, reveals to Daniel again His total control over the timing of "all these things" (vv. 5-7)
- God will purify the righteous, "but the wicked will continue to be wicked" (vv. 9-10)
- God ordains the timing leading up to the end (vv. 11-12)
- Daniel should trust God and get going until the end. He then will "rest" "rise" and "receive" his allotted inheritance

## **Key Applications:**

**#1. God saves His people (Daniel 12:1–2).**

**#2. We all live in embodied existence after death—either unto “everlasting life” or “everlasting contempt” (Daniel 12:3).**

**#3. God’s Word sufficiently guides those who wisely trust God through every circumstance in life (Daniel 12:4, 9–10).**

**#4. Believers should trust God (realizing some things are beyond our understanding, see vv. 8–9) and faithfully persevere until the end (Daniel 12:9, 13).**

**#5. After death, those who trust God will rest, rise, and receive their inheritance (Daniel 12:13).**