CALL to PRAYER -

Model Prayer / Lord's Prayer

Daniel 12:13 - Rest, Resurrection, & Rewards

<u>Intro</u> - We have been on a walking tour of Daniel for the last 10 months and now our adventure has come to an end. You might have noticed that I put us on the slow train out of town...that's so we could take note of three main sights: 1] The Promises of God - <u>Prophecies are a Promise</u>. 2] Suffering is promised - we are to be <u>Patient in Affliction</u>. 3] - As we look over our shoulder leaving this landscape...not neglect to point out some wonders of the world in the last verse. The truths here tie this world to the next world. A Rub, A Rest, A Resurrection, & A Reward. If these truths become indelibly marked in our minds; they will bolster us as we walk the life of faith from this world to the next. These "4 R's" are a basic education in our transition to eternity

A RUB

- 1. Remember the context Daniel is old and has been 70+ years in captivity.
 - a. In chapter 9 he prayed about the return to land others got to go....he didn't
 - b. Chapter 10 Daniel is sad and in mourning for 3 weeks
 - c. God sent an angel to strengthen, encourage and inform about the future (10-12)
- 2. Daniel is still stuck in captivity...being consoled by promises of the future...but...
 - a. ...but he doesn't understand all the promises 12:8-9
 - b. 12:13 "...go your way..." Daniel was left in a lurch in this life.
- 3. There is "A Rub" to this reality.
 - a. Heb. 11:13 "...died in faith without receiving the promises...welcomed them from a distance"
 - b. Abraham was promised a bunch of land....only owed a tomb...in this life
 - c. Job never got his "why" questions answered.
 - i. He learned about the WHO of life not the why's of life
- 4. If Job, Abraham and Daniel felt "The Rub"....we will too and will need to "go our way"

A REST

- > 12:13 "...then you will enter into rest...." (go...die....rest)
 - o This life is restless for the redeemed, but a rest is coming/promised.
 - o Heb. 4:9-10 each Christian Sabbath we are reminded of a Rest
- Matt. 11:28
 - o Faith is a "resting in Christ." We cease from our works and rest in His
- Those who die in faith enter into rest. (Isaiah 57:2 NIV)
 - o Rev. 14:13
 - o 1 Sam. 28:15 Samuel was "resting" and didn't appreciate being disturbed.
 - o 1 Thess. 4:14 "sleeping in Jesus" is a beautiful euphemism.
 - o "The grave, with Christ is a comfortable place" (J. Flavel)
 - Those who trust in Jesus can rest in Jesus.
- ➤ RIP only truly applies to the redeemed.

- o Heb. 3:18-19 unbelief brings unrest and no rest
- o Death brings either a <u>rest</u> or an <u>arrest</u>. Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)
- o Is. 48:22
- o Rev. 14:11a "they have no rest day or night..."
 - "There are no sabbaths in hell." R. M. McCheyne

A RESURRECTION

- ❖ The angel reminds Daniel of the promised resurrection and his resurrection.
 - o Daniel 12:2

Daniel 12:13 "....and rise again...."

- ❖ The resurrection is a major tenet of our faith.
 - o You can't be a Christian without believing in the resurrection Rom. 10:9
 - Jesus' resurrection guarantees our resurrection
 - 1 Cor. 15:19-23
 - o Apostles Creed
 - o Jesus is the Good Shepherd who leads us thru the grave to the resurrection
 - John 11:25
 - We believe that God will rescue us thru death and from death. 1 Cor. 15:55
 - o Isaiah 26:19

Job. 19:26

- ❖ The path of the Christian is the path that Christ walked
 - o Suffering...cross....death...burial....and RESURRECTION
 - o The resurrection of the dead is a wonder to behold in this dying world.
- ❖ Life rubbed Daniel the wrong way, but he is reminded of a Rest and a Resurrection.
 - O What a balm to apply to a rub! (there is one more sight/ingredient to notice)

A REWARD

- 12:13 "...rise again for your allotted portion..."
 - o The end of the age is when The Will is read, and we receive our inheritance
 - o Romans 8:16-18
- "Allotment" sounds like a land inheritance
 - o The Promise Land was distributed by lot to God's people.
 - Daniel was removed from land as a youth...never to return... prayed hard for it though
 - The angel reminds him that he will inherit the land in the resurrection.
 - o Matt. 5:5

Luke 19:17-19

- Rev. 22:12
 - o 2 Cor. 5:10

Matt. 6:19-20

- O Heaven will be heaven for everyone there...but not the same heaven/amount./allotment Different capacities. Everyone's cup will be full...just different size cups
 - Some will be great in the kingdom, and some will be least in the kingdom.

Matt. 5:19

Rev. 3:11

2 John 8

Col. 2:18

Each week the Christian goes thru a ritual which should help remind him of the inevitable transition from this world to the next. We feel <u>the rub</u> of the week. We gather on the Sabbath and are reminded of <u>a rest</u> and <u>a resurrection</u> (His and ours). We should also be reminded to focus our gaze on eternity and so store up treasure in heaven. Col. 3:1-2

What balm do you apply to the *Rubs* of life? Apply the promised *Rest, Resurrection & Reward*