Emmanuel Prayer List - December

Paul Robinson (one of the elders at Emmanuel, is a chaplain in prisons and to the Wellington Dukes Hockey team) Please pray for the following:

- Families of the incarcerated need to see their loved ones.
- · Covid lockdowns need to end.
- Pray for a former Prison Chaplin, and the new Chaplin to resume Sunday Services.
- Blessings and constant prayers needed for the Wellington Dukes Hockey Team to know Jesus.
- Pray for the Robinson/Osterhout families who lost their mother.
- The prison system needs prayer.

Study Continued

6. There are certainly other places in the Bible that indicate that Christians might not go through the worst of the great tribulation. Why do you think God leaves it uncertain with regards to timing, and the order, of things?

What things does God not leave uncertain?

- 7. Read Daniel 3:3 & 2 Peter 3:8-15. From these passages:i. Daniel says that the wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens what do you think he means by that?
 - ii. 2 peter 3 talks about the "slowness" of Jesus coming back. What is the reason for that apparent slowness (esp. read v.15)
 - iii. How does Peter say that we "speed the coming" of Jesus? Explain.
- 8. Read Daniel 3:13; 1 John 5:13 and Romans 8:16. Do you have an assurance that your name is in the book of life. If not, talk to the Lord about it, repent, and commit yourself to Christ.



Fanny Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood



But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:8

- 1. Learn to stand alone Daniel 1
- 2. Finding Peace and Wisdom Daniel 2:1-28
- 3. Living for the purposes of God Daniel 2:29-49
- 4. Becoming Faithful Daniel 3
- 5. Humble Yourself Daniel 4
- 6. Heed the warnings Daniel 5
- 7. Be a person of integrity Daniel 6:1-15
- 8. You don't need to survive Daniel 6:13-28
- 9. Jesus is coming again Daniel 7-8
- 10. The end of times Daniel 9-11
- 11. Is your name in the book? Daniel 12

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Daniel 12:1 Everyone whose name is found written in the book _____

A TIME OF GRACE

Grace:

A TIME OF DISTRESS

12:1 There will be a time of distress such as has not happened _____

Matthew 24

1. v.3-8 First signs:

2. v.9-12 Increasing wickedness:

3. v.13-14 The one who stands firm to the end _____

4. v15-21 Great tribulation:

Revelation 13

A TIME TO CHOOSE

Matt 24:22 If those days had not been cut short, _____

1 Thes 4:16-18those of us who are still alive and are left, will be ______

together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air...

Caught up =

Dan 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake:

Some to _____,

Others to ______ and ______.

A TIME TO LIVE FOR CHRIST

v.3 Those who are _____will _____

2 Peter 3:8-13

1 John 5:13 These things are written so that you may _____

 Read Daniel 12:1-3. When you went to school, did you ever have to check out a notice board to see if you made a team. Or, later in life, went for an interview, and had to wait to see if you had got the job. What was it like waiting and wondering? What is the difference between these kind of things and finding out if your name is in the book of life?

What is the difference in consequences?

- 2. Define grace. How does grace apply to you?
- 3. Daniel 12:1 says that there will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. Now read Matthew 24:3-21. On the page opposite, Jesus' words have been put into 4 categories of hardship and trouble in the world.

Go through each section and try to relate what you read to what you see happening in the world today.

What should be our response to these things?

How should we prepare ourselves?

4. Read Daniel 12:2 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What do we learn from these two passages, with regards to those who die as believers?

What about those who do not know Christ (Daniel 12:2 and Revelation 20:15)

5. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 says 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. What do the words 'caught up' mean?

There is no definitive statement in the Bible that says when this will happen in regards to the great tribulation. But these verses seem to indicate that it will be when Christ returns at the end of the tribulation. If that is the case, then Christians will have to experience going through the time that is described as the worst distress the world has ever known. In fact, read what Jesus says in Matt 24:22. Although no one wants to go through this kind of distress, why would it be good for others for Christians to be there?