

Daily Devotional, September 18, 2020

'Radiance', (Daniel 12:3)

“Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.” (Daniel 12:3, NKJV)

Here we have a picture of the glorious bodies of the saints. These are they who have “everlasting salvation” (Daniel 12:2), who “have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15). The bodies of believers are “raised in incorruption” (1 Corinthians 15:42). We are to be illuminated “like the stars forever and ever.” Now the reference here may be to actual stars, but it is more probable that the comparison is drawn to the holy angels (Daniel 12:1; Revelation 1:20). The Bible also compares the glorified bodies of Christians to the glory of the sun and moon, and to the bearing of the image of Christ Himself (1 Corinthians 15:40-49). What a glorious future awaits those who believe!

The second part of our text verse makes specific reference to “those who turn many to righteousness.” In Proverbs 11:30, we read, “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.” Those who lead others to Christ by sharing their hope and faith will shine the brightest. There shall also be no lack of glory either for those who are wise to make disciples. Many of God’s people are “like sheep having no shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). The most genuine hearts have been spiritually abused or fed falsehoods by agents of Satan masquerading as men and women of God. Those who set other Christians on straight paths will receive bright rewards indeed.

Friend, do you often consider the victory and final joyous end of your faith? Are you shining your light about, doing God’s work of proclaiming His gospel and leading others to straight paths, even as you are careful not to go astray? Be your own worst critic today. How bright will you be shining in that day? The answer to that question is the same as you are living the faith and shining your light now.