

**“RESPONDING TO GOD’S
CALL ON OUR LIVES”**

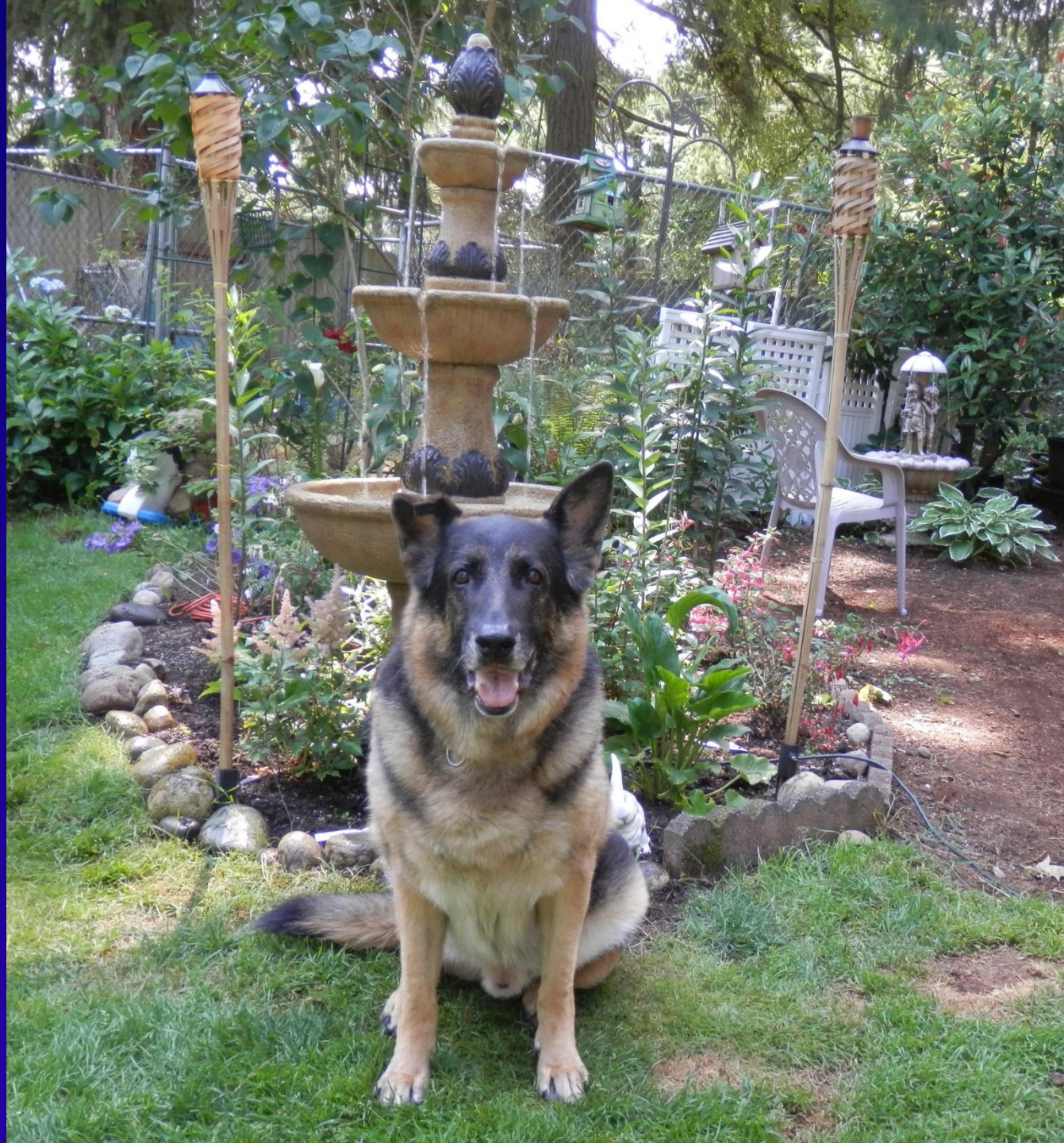
Daniel 12:4-13



MESSAGE SUMMARY

The Christian life is essentially a response to God: God is the Master and we are His servants; He's the Good Shepherd and we are the sheep; He is the Head and we are members of His body. Even our love for God is a response: "*We love Him because He first loved us*" (1 John 4:19). In this final section of the book of Daniel, we will consider three things that God does and what our response should be in each case.

KAISER
OUR 14yr. Old
GERMAN
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“I Can Do That!”



I. God reveals the truth: *Do I Respond
to His Authority?*

Seal and keep the revelation until the end of days

(v. 4)

2600 years have passed

The revelation is still relevant today

Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall
increase (v. 4)

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The context of verse 4 is the time of the end

The great tribulation period

At the end of time, people will be going to and fro looking for the answer to why all these things are happening

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Leon Wood

"Many shall run to and fro in their desire for knowledge of the last things and finding it in Daniel's book because it will have been preserved to this end, their knowledge shall increase."

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The greater principle in verse 4 is: God reveals truth; are you responding to that truth?

3 Ways to respond to God's authority

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3 Ways to respond to God's authority

Expose yourself to the truth; go to church, take notes, talk it over with someone during the week

Evaluate yourself by the truth; don't deflect the message for yourself

Engage yourself with the truth; ask yourself: "Is this a command for me, a warning, is this something I must stay away from?"

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His Authority?*

G. Campbell Morgan thought that people had
lost their necessity for obedience to the Bible's
moral claims

II. God Regulates the Future: *Do I Respond to His Sovereignty?*

One angel asked a question: "How long?" and raised both hands

In the Jewish culture, at that time, you raised a hand to make a solemn oath; to raise two hands was very solemn

II. God Regulates the Future: *Do I Respond to His Sovereignty?*

"Time, times, and a half a time" an ancient way of saying three and a half years
1,260 days; 42 months (see Revelation 11:3 and Revelation 12:6)

Verse 11 gives us a little problem: there's an extra month

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^{Vs.11} From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there will be 1,290 days.*

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Some theories about what will happen during
that month

Battle of Armageddon—a blood bath; it will
take some time to clean up

Jesus will judge the nations of the world based
on their treatment of His people

(see Matthew 25:31-46)

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God will gather believing Jews back to Israel;
that travel could take some time

(see Ezekiel 20:34)

Set up of the government of the millennial
kingdom

God is going to reestablish the ancient borders

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Other considerations

Topographical changes; the Dead Sea will become a living body of water

A temple will be built

God is Sovereign

God is detailed, sometimes to the exact date;

He's all-powerful; He's in control

It is proven because God predicts with precision

If you believe God is sovereign, how do you respond to that? How do you respond to

Romans 8:28 or Ephesians 1:11?

Responding to God's Sovereignty
should produce the following

It should produce patience

It ought to produce gratitude

It ought to produce stability

We do not need to be afraid of sudden terror
(see Proverbs 3:25-26)

III... God Rewards His Own: *Do I Respond to Him Personally?*

Daniel would rest (die) and be resurrected

He will eventually participate in the glorious kingdom that he predicted

He saw the coming antichrist

He also saw a future kingdom beyond all the kingdoms of this earth (see Daniel 2:44)

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The promise to Daniel

He's probably around 90 years old

After he rests, he will be resurrected and then rewarded by God

Daniel had a personal relationship with a personal God

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The greatest human experience is to have a relationship with God

Paul's heart cry was

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection"

Philippians 3:10

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"Were all human beings suddenly to become blind, still the sun would shine by day and the stars by night; for these owe nothing to the millions who benefit from their light;

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so, were every man on earth to become an atheist, it would not affect God in any way; He is what He is in Himself without regard to any other; to believe in Him adds nothing to His perfections; to doubt Him takes nothing away“

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Responding to God's call on
your life will add a lot to
your perfections and it will
add to His joy