In His Hands #14 “Enduring the Worst Hard Time” Dan. 12: 1-3

**Intro**: TV coverage of the shootings at FBC Southerland Springs, TX

**Beulah Wilson**, member since 1954, kind, tender, gracious.

Love, friends, like a family, all hurting so deeply, heart broken

We’ve lost generations, it is hard to comprehend, I can’t… BUT

“***You know what --- God is Still on His Throne***.”

**t/s** – Naïve? Out of Touch, silly shallow cliché… Or, a Deep Bedrock of biblical Truth!

Daniel – ***He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*** (negro spiritual)

**Daniel is in Exile; but the LORD is on His Throne**.

**The people of God Endure when evil does its worst; because we Live with an Eternal Perspective.** We experience evil and suffering in the context of Eternity.

**Daniel 12: 1-3**

Chapter 12 in two sections: Close of the Vision form chapter 11

Epilogue (we will address latter)

“***Now at that Time***” = refers back to 11:45 – Battle with Antichrist!

At the End Time (40) – Jesus picks up language to refer to END.

***The Worst Hard Time***

**READ Daniel 12: 1-3**

This description of the people of God who will **Endure** the Worst Hard Time, give us some insight into how the people of God of every generation Endure --- faithful even in the face of unspeakable evil.

**Essential Elements of our Enduring Eternal Perspective:** (four words)

**Salvation** (1b)

“***Rescued***” = delivered, released, SAVED…. Gk = sozo… Salvation!

“***Everyone who is found written in the Book***”

Moses (Ex. 32:33) – *forgive them, or erase me from* ***Your Book***

Jesus (Luke 10) – *Rejoice your names are recorded in Heaven*!

Rev. 20:12 – Great White Throne of Judgment…

And a book was opened… ***the Book of Life***!

**ILL** – My little Book (write it down… Keep it… Secure)

**App** - ***The LORD knows His People***, Those Saved!

(not all the people --- Jews… church members)

All those found written in the Book! **GOSPEL**

**t/s** – The Exiles might say, “Rescue is great for those who survive, but what about those who die --- in the battle, in prison, is the struggle before Victory!” The Angel has another word….

**Resurrection** (2a)

Exp – Take off your shoes… “**Everlasting Life**” first mentioned Here!

**John 3:16** – shall not perish but have Everlasting Life!

* I did a lengthy word study of the Hebrew. Do you want to know what I discovered? This Hebrew word means, **EVERLASTING**! (perpetual, always, forever)

***When we’ve been there ten thousand years….***

App – Often, there is no relief, no justice, in this World, in this life.

(Not for children at Southerland Springs; N. Korea; Somalia…)

Paul said plainly, *If we have hope in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied!*

**t/s** – The Angel says, Daniel, this suffering will only be made right in Eternity. We experience and endure evil in the context of resurrection life… ***Everlasting life***.

**Vindication** (2b)

It is not only the People who belong to God who are resurrected. ***The Others***… Disgrace and everlasting contempt!

* This might seem overly harsh to soft, coddled Christians like us; but to our brethren who are suffering unspeakable suffering at the hands of evil men… It sounds like Justice, Vindication.

*Never take your own revenge; beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God. For vengeance is Mine, I will repay saith the LORD*!

**Reward** (3)

A Promise of glory, eternal glory, for the People of God who walk with wisdom and insight; especially those who stand firm and encourage others to do so… “lead many to righteousness” = Leading to Christ.

***You Will Have Time to Shine for All Eternity***! (Rot in prison now)

People Like Daniel – Exiles; serving the Enemy…. Vs. 13

**Vs. 13** – notice two ENDS – End of Daniel’s life… End of the Age!

“***Rest***” = In the grave… Death

“***Rise***” = Stand = Resurrection

***Allotted Portion***” = Lot – Joshua assigning the Lots in Land.

Your Inheritance, your assigned place and portion.

Daniel you be Faithful, Endure to the End of your life. You will never Return with the Others, you will die in Exile; But rest assured, you’ll get your LOT, your Inheritance is Secure!

**The people of God Endure when evil does its worst; because we Live with an Eternal Perspective.**

**We Live with the Hope of Salvation, Resurrection, Vindication and Reward.**

***That’s why Beulah Wilson, in the face of unspeakable evil, could say with a smile, “But you know what --- God is Still on His Throne!”***

**Hebrews 12: 2-3**

Fix your eyes on Jesus --- who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hands of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.