Devotion #276

**The Best Job of All**

**Daniel 12:3 (NASB)***"Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*”

Most people I know have spent their lives trying to find the job of their dreams. They work hard in school, mostly, and go to college and spend thousands of dollars to get the best job they can get. Others go to trade schools or the military to get the job they want. I think it is accurate to say that most people do not want to end up in a job they hate or at least tolerate. Most people want to be fulfilled by what they do and feel like they are making a difference. Sadly, many, many people end up settling for what they can get because they have bills to pay and life to live and end up tolerating their livelihood, always looking for the weekend so they can have a break from their routine.

But did you know that there is a job that is the best job anyone could have? A job that pays eternal dividends. That’s right. And no, this is not a ponzi scheme to get you to make millions of dollars selling something. It is the job of reaching souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I’m talking about the life role of telling people that God loves them and wants to save them.

You are probably saying, “I don’t want to be a preacher, and that’s a preachers job.” No, that is not true. God says through Daniel the prophet that there is coming a day of great tribulation. A time yet in the future. A time when the world will turn more crazy that it is now. A time when people will run toward sin more than they ever have before. A time when God will judge people for their wayward living, but those who have had their hearts opened to the truth that God saves all people who turn to Him for salvation are considered the wisest people. Those people will have an eternal joy beyond comparison to anything in this life.

The context of the verse for today is when Michael the Archangel, an angel of the highest order in heaven, tells Daniel of this dreaded time to come. He says to Danial that those who lead others to righteousness, or trust in the living God for salvation, will shine the brightest in heaven. That doesn’t mean God’s people become stars as we know them and twinkle in the night sky, but that God’s glory will radiate in and through His people who have spent their days leading people to Him. The Glory of God will be forever shining in those who have spent their lives focusing on winning souls.

I understand that Michael is talking about a time yet to come, but the inference is that this applies just as much to those who lead people to Christ in the future as it does to those who lead others to Christ now. Paul said something similar in **1 Corinthians 3:8 (NASB)** *“Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”* What God means is that all people will be rewarded for their willingness to be used by Him.

The point is that our job in this life is critically important. All jobs have their place, no matter what that job is, and it really doesn’t matter what that job is as long as it is not illegal and doesn’t dishonor God, but the greatest of all jobs is to serve Him as someone who helps others understand the truth. To lead people to a saving knowledge of Him. That job will be rewarded greatly in heaven and for all eternity. That job can be accomplished no matter how one makes a living.

Be careful that you don’t get lost in your earthly job – the way you make a living. Certainly focus on being the best you can be in your earthly job while making every effort to be the best servant of God who leads other to Him. There is no greater reward than this.