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Choice Children, Part 1

Bright like the stars

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The information in this box was added to an email for 7/30/2021: Dear friends, I wrote this short Scripture Study and sent it to you in August of 2019 before the events of 2020-21. The beautiful Hebrew definitions of the words came back to me this week as I think more and more about the last days. So, I decided to share these words with you again.

Daniel 12:10 says, “Many will be **purged, purified and refined**” referring to the Lord’s people in the end times. When I think of the word **purge**, I think of getting rid of things I don’t need. However, when I looked at the meaning of the Hebrew word in this passage for **purge (bârar)**, it means **to clarify, brighten, examine, polish, prove, and to make choice**. The word **bârar** suggests **the attention given to a favorite**.

Our Lord chose us and continues to **make us choice**. Like a choice rose has been pruned so that it blooms to perfection, or a choice herb has been planted in the perfect soil to produce the perfect flavor, we are His **Choice Children**, chosen for His glory, chosen for His delight, chosen for our freedom, pruned, nurtured and completed in His love. We are polished, clarified, brightened, and proven most often through adversity.

The Hebrew word for God’s love, *hesed*, is indescribable and vast. It is good for us to remember that when God chose us for His own, we had done absolutely nothing to deserve it; in fact, we have done things that should have kept His love from us. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 5 that we were not only helpless and dead in our sin, but we were enemies of God and condemned. **But then**, He chose us, and we were reconciled to God through the sacrifice of His Son.

Through Jesus, He lavishes His love on us. When we realize how utterly undeserving we are, we live in gratitude for our standing as His **Choice Children**. He has taken our broken clay pots and made us His vessels of value.

The words of **Daniel 12:3** flow beautifully with Daniel **12:10**’s definition of **purging** or **making us choice** – “Those who have **insight** will **shine brightly** like the expanse of heaven and those who lead the many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.”

- The Hebrew word for **insight** is **sakal** and means *a deep consideration of future steps and a waiting on God to direct your steps to ensure a good outcome; prudence*. While in a wilderness of purging, we rest and wait for Him rather than strive harder.
- The Hebrew word for **shine brightly** is **zahar** and means to gleam, teach, warn, enlighten, admonish.

In light of these Hebrew word meanings, **Daniel 12:3** may read,

“Those who abide in God consider their steps deeply. They receive discernment, direction and wisdom that causes them to shine so brightly that their lives enlighten, warn, admonish, and teach those around them without speaking a word. Their lives gleam with God’s purifying message, and many are drawn to Him through their brightness.”

Abide in Him, and shine like the stars!

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