

We are only 9 years old, but the Lord has enabled us to become known rather widely. . .

This morning let us look at the last ch. of the Book of Daniel and v. 3. There we read (reading text) . . . Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.

I heard a man say recently who speaks often to businessmen, that he had asked on a number of occasions, asked people to write down, "What when you come to the end of your life and you are about to die, what will you be anxious to have accomplished? What will you desire to have remembered about you?" He said they scratched their heads and thought and hardly anybody was willing to write anything definite. I'm sure that is different with everyone who has come to us. Some have given it more thought, some less thought, but surely everyone here desires to be among those who will shine as the brightness of the firmament and who will be like the stars forever and ever.

We are not just living for a few years. We are living for eternity. We have certain experiences in this life, certain ordinary pleasures, certain necessities in carrying on life and the great majority of mankind thinks little beyond that. But beyond the end of our lives is eternity which stretches on and on. During that time---I'm not thinking at this time of those who will be suffering eternally and died in sin, I'm not thinking of them, I am thinking of those who know the Lord Jesus Christ and are saved for eternity how many of them will look back upon a life in which little has been accomplished. How many will be able to say, They will shine like the stars, like the brightness of the heavens forever?

So this verse says that those who are wise will shine as the brightness of the heavens. You have come here in order to take a further step in the direction of being wise. I heard it said when I was in college that college was a great storehouse of knowledge. You could tell that because the freshmen brought so much knowledge in and the seniors took so little away! I think that is true ?? except of a school where we really make progress ?? that our minds get stretched and we learn of the existence of many things of which we were unfamiliar before. Therefore when we enter we may think we know a great deal. When we finish we have a far greater understanding of how much we don't know than we did before.

I've talked with many students considering going to seminary who have thought Oh I don't need to go to a seminary. I perhaps have been to Bible College, at least I've been in S. School for a number of years. I know a lot about the Bible. Why can't I just go out and serve the Lord right now, and why must I go to seminary? Yet these same men often, when they finish seminary instead of saying Now let's get out and serve the Lord, they say, Where shall I go to school next year? How can I learn some more? I think we can either go to one extreme or to the other. If we're going to be wise we must learn as much as we can about God's Word. We must