

# Paul's Second Epistle To The

## **THESSALONIANS**

### CHAPTER 1:5-12

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#### TITLE:

**“ WHEN GOD REWARDS “  
AWAITING THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST**

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#### THEME:

*“2 Thessalonians 2:2*

*“Do not be shaken in mind or troubled... either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.”*

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Johnny and Mikey were walking home from school one day and as they went a conversation broke about who's dog was bigger... then it escalated to "who's mommy is prettiest..." from there it went to the inevitable.... "who's daddy was the strongest." So Johnny feeling pretty confident about his father's ability to defend himself said " I bet my daddy could beat up your daddy. Little Mikey thought for a moment and said "That's nothing, My mommy can beat up my Daddy"

#### THE BOOK OF SECOND THESSALONIANS

- Chapter 1 calls us to be Encouraged in the Midst of Suffering!
- Chapter 2 dedicated to Enlightenment through teaching
- While Chapter 3 Enables us for Living, waiting for the Return of Jesus Christ

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In verses 1-5 Paul laid-out before us that the Christian walk will be rough at times... and always demanding our attention!!!

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There are, and shall be, tribulations & difficulties that will come upon our lives,

**BUT THEY ARE TEMPORARY - PASSING EVENTS, - FOR US THEY HAVE A PURPOSE!**

### The Chapter Closes with

Paul now contrasts the life of those who are **In Christ**, with the experience with those who are **Not In Christ...** (A Deliberate Mention)

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That There is, in fact, a place where People seem so interested in going to, that they will do the most outrageous things to get there - Hell of course!

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# The Evil that Happens in this World...

## 1.) Encouragement by Promise

vv. 5-10

### Verse 5

#### a) A "Reward" Awaits Us Who Believe

No Matter How rough it gets, this is as rough as it gets  
for us who are Christians

### Verse 5

which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, #1 that you may be **counted** worthy of the kingdom of God, #2 for which (REASON, PURPOSE) you also **suffer**;

**THE OPPOSITION THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING HAS**

- #1 Been forewarned = That makes it a Proof
- #2 Jesus Historically received the same
- #3 Our brothers & sisters in the past received the same

The Point is: The actions brought against you in this life  
will be rewarded in the future (AND in the negative)

2 Timothy 4:14

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

Remember:

The Testing of Your Faith is Proof Positive that God is Real, Your Walk is real, That Satan is Real, and that Heaven is Real - And you're going there !

The Trial & test that you are involved in feels terrible,  
because it is your test  
It's not mine, mine is not yours.

What Makes a Test a Test is that it's  
designed for You  
**(Not Against You)**

Philippians 3:10  
that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of  
His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

## Verse 6

**JACK - DO NOT BLOW IT HERE - SPEAK IT, AS I WOULD !**  
(((LORD JESUS PLEASE HELP ME HERE. HELP ME TO BE FAITHFUL TO YOUR TRUTH  
NO MATTER WHAT I THINK OR FEEL ABOUT IT)))

b) A "Recompense" Upon the godless (6,9)

"since it is a righteous (or the right) thing with God to **repay** with tribulation  
those who trouble you,"

What is wrong in this world is wrong in the world to come.

(God is Holy, Just & Good - And We Love Him For It)

But the Unrighteous, seem to go  
unpunished in this life...

## Not So With God

Genesis 18:25  
...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

2 Peter 3:9  
The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is  
long-suffering toward us, **not willing** that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

We so often think... "why do bad things happen to good people?" The question ought to be - "why does anything good happen to anyone at all" - because there are none who does good

## Verse 9

Holiness, Goodness, Justice demands  
Perfect Recompense (or payment) for the offense

**SIN IS SO BAD** (of course we don't always think so)  
That The Eternal Realm, where we all are going, is SO ETERNAL and SO LASTING that the final repayment (PUNISHMENT) for sin will be forever Just and Reasonable)

Habakkuk 1:13

You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness.

THIS IS WHY WHEN JESUS WAS DYING ON THE CROSS THAT FOR THREE HOURS THE SKY WAS DARKENED AND THE EARTH QUAKED...

**YES - IT WAS BECAUSE...**

2 Corinthians 5:19

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

**BUT - HOW DID GOD DO IT...**

2 Corinthians 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

The Sacrifice was Greater in Value and in power  
than sin could ever be...

**SIN WAS, AND IS SO BAD,  
that only God was rich enough to pay it's ransom**

That's hard for us to understand being sinful humans

**God has His ways of being extremely  
Fair with Judgment;**

**Pharaoh** attempted to kill all the Hebrew baby boys by drowning them in the Nile. What happened?  
Pharaoh's Army was Drowned In the sea instead

**Haman** plotted to hang the Jews. Haman was hanged upon the gallows that he himself had built.

**King Darius'** attorneys counseled him to throw Daniel into the lions den. The attorneys were the  
one to wind up in the den of Babylon

CHURCH, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS...

**Paul uses strong and graphic language** to describe what we so often refuse to  
acknowledge... That God must issue Divine wrath & judgment (v.5) ..... tribulation (v.6) flaming fire (v.8)  
vengeance (v.8) punishment (v.9) everlasting destruction (v. 9)

**Is God Truly Loving ?**

**for years a doctor tried** witnessing to one of his female patients but finally she refused and said "how could a  
loving God allow people to go into hell... she later came down with cancer. And during an examination the doctor said "Mrs.  
Jones, surgery has been advised if we are going to save your life, But I really care for you Mrs. Jones and I really don't want to  
cut on your beautiful skin, besides it could hurt you. Just then she said, Doctor, if you love me, you'll cut me to the bone so that  
the cancer might be gone that I might live!!!

**Sin is to the World, what Cancer is to the Body  
VERY EXTREME MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN**

**H**AVE YOU NOTICED THAT EVERYBODY GETS TO BE GOD,  
BUT GOD

**WHEN NOTHING SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING**  
People say - Why does God allow this to happen

**WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE HAPPENING**  
People say - How can a God of Love do this

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 11:24

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, :25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God **than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,**

**THE CHRISTIAN IS LIVING WITH ETERNITY IN VIEW**

**hey lets go do this thing, lets look at this for awhile, just take a drink**

IF we yield,

we will lose our view of eternity & heaven

How can I keep my eyes in the right place ?

Philippians 3:14

I **press toward** the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Press

**GRK 1377 dioko (dee-o'-ko)**

to be climbing after, to ensue, to follow hard after,  
to persecute after

Jesus Put it this way;

Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be filled.

**ARE YOU PERSONALLY, HOLY ?**

- What and where will your eyes wander towards ?
- What will you allow into your heart through the gates of the soul ?

**The Gates are your Eyes, your Ears and Your Hands**

man makes attempts to be righteous

- he takes the law in to his hands and decides that he will execute judgment.

In Public life and in Private life,

the human heart wants judgment upon those who are wrong in their eyes

Because this is true - In Every Culture, In Every Part of the Globe, man is without excuse for his wrong because he shows us that within himself is some form of morality, some form of a standard - there is a law in his heart !!!

Romans 1:32

who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. Rom. 2:1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. :2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things.

## Verse 7a

### c) A “Rest” For the People of God (7a,10)

**JACK - SPEAK OF MY GLORY AS I WOULD SPEAK OF MY GLORY  
LORD HELP ME TO GIVE THEM A TRUE PICTURE OF THE REST  
THAT AWAITS US**

as true as judgment is coming to the  
godless - *rest is coming to you how  
believe*

1:6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, ((:7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,))**

verse 7 is a “parenthetical insert”  
((( You will see it First Hand From Above)))

## This is Not the Rapture, but the **Second Coming**

### **The Rapture**

Jesus Appears  
in the Air for His church

### **The Second Coming**

Jesus Returns to the Earth  
with His church.

He comes secretly  
for the church

Believers escape  
the tribulation

It occurs at an  
undisclosed time

Every eye shall see Him and  
the world will mourn for fear

Unbelievers experience the  
7 yr. great tribulation

There are literally hundreds of  
cataclysmic warnings prior to

\*rest GRK 425 anesis (an'-es-is)  
to relax the tension of a bow string. to give relief:  
to liberty, to be freed from pressure

1 Thessalonians 1:10  
and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even  
Jesus who **delivers** us from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9  
For God **did not appoint** us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our  
Lord Jesus Christ,

## Even though Presently - We Suffer

2 Corinthians 1:8-9  
For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were  
burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that **we despaired even of life**. :9 Yes, we had the sentence  
of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in **God who raises the dead**,

2 Peter 2:9  
the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under  
punishment for the day of judgment,

## What Kind of a Future Awaits the Lost ?

### Verse 8

**in flaming fire** taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on  
those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



**“in flaming fire”** *is a reference to the nature of the Second Coming*

# in Successive Lightings

Matthew 24:27

"For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

**two types of people are mentioned here.**

## The 1st is the man

is the who **“does not know”** literally, those who do not want to know.  
a willful neglect “I’ve heard about Jesus, I know the stories, I’ve read my Bible, I’ve attended a church

## The 2nd is the man

who is knowing of the plan of salvation, but seeks to establish his own way of being saved.

John 14:6

Jesus said... No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Romans 1:18

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress** (to strangle and to drown) the truth in unrighteousness,

**Isn't it Interesting that all cults**

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**All Cults Deny the Deity of Jesus Christ**

**All Cults Deny the Grace of God**

**&**

**All Cults Deny the Existence of Hell**

Matthew 25:41

"Then I will also say to those on the left hand, `Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

(your subtle rejection or your vehement rejection causes God to do the unnatural - allow you to enter hell forever)

## Verse 9

### “from the presence of the Lord”

the hell that is to be experienced is what happens to a soul when it is removed from all benefits of God’s presence as well as the very personal presence of God Himself...

Matthew 7:21

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. :22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' :23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

He will be the epitome of all that is good and from perfect goodness, you will have to be escorted away from forever!!!

Is a reference to the Judgment of the Unbelievers that shall take place at the close of the great tribulation, just before the beginning of the millennium reign of Jesus. It will take place in Jerusalem. It will involve the whole world and the judgment will take 45 days (Daniel 12, Luke 17, Matt 25)

## 2.) Encouragement By Prayer

vv. 11-12

## Verse 11a

### a) He Prays for their Worthiness vv. 11a

trials build character, but more than that, a trial reveals what we are made of

1 Peter 1:5

we are kept by the power of God **through faith** for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. - - :6 In this you greatly rejoice, **though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, :7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,**

Luke 21:36

"Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be **counted worthy** (is to be in Christ) to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Ephesians 2:13

But now **in Christ** Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

## Verse 11b

b) He prays for their Walk

vv. 11b

#1 - "that our God would count you worthy of this calling"

#2 - and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness

#3 - and the work of faith with power,"

Earlier Paul had linked their faith to their Love, (vv.3)  
Now he links endurance (vv. 4) to power (vv. 11b)

## Verse 12

c) He prays for their Witness

vv. 12

#4 - that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him,

And this is how it is done...

"according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

**Absolutely Provided by and Performed by God  
Himself**

Luke 12:32

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's  
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Romans 8:18

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not  
worthy to be compared with the glory which  
shall be revealed in us.