

## 2 Thessalonians

### Lesson #4, Chapter 1:6-12

1. In verses 6–10, Paul continues with the theme of God’s righteous judgment. In verse 5 God’s righteous judgment is seen in allowing the persecutions and afflictions the believer’s were enduring to be a means of demonstrating their worthiness for Heaven. Only believers will endure until the end. Only believers will benefit from the trials by growing in grace and love and faith toward God. Now in verses 6-8, what 3 actions will reveal God’s justice?
2. In verse 6, why is it *just* or right of God to repay those who afflict the Thessalonians? See Deut. 32:35-36; Ps. 94:20-23; Rom. 2:5-11; Rom. 12:19; Rev. 16:5-6.
3. How would knowing that there would someday be a time of retribution for their persecutors be a comfort and encouragement to the suffering believers?
4. When will relief come to those who are afflicted (verse 7)?
5. What will Jesus do at His Second Coming (verse 8)?
6. What 2 characteristics in verse 8 describe those who afflict the believers?

7. Please take note of an interesting fact: those who will face the judgment of God are those who do not know Him and do not obey Him. What does that teach you then about those who will receive rest from the Lord? See verse 8 and Luke 6:46-49; 1 Jn. 2:3-6.
  
8. How is the punishment of unbelievers described in verse 9?
  
9. Define *eternal destruction* [Strong's #166, 3639]. Complete your definition after seeing what the Scriptures say about this topic: Is. 66:24; Dan. 12:2; Matt. 25:41, 46; 2 Pet. 2:17; Rev. 20:14-15; 21:8.
  
10. We see two purposes for the coming of the Lord here in verses 9 and 10. Unbelievers will face judgment, but what is the second purpose of His coming as stated in verse 10?
  
11. How will the Lord Jesus be glorified in His saints on that day? See verses 11-12; Is. 43:21; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 1 Jn. 3:2-3.
  
12. Define *marvel* [Strong's #2296 (NKJV *admired*)]. We will marvel and admire Jesus Christ on that day when we shall see Him as He really is. What things about the Lord cause you to marvel at Him now?
  
13. Oh, the eagerness and joy that is summed up in those words, *when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed*. How do you regard the coming of the Lord? Why are the saints to eagerly anticipate the revealing of Christ on that day?

14. What is it about what Paul has been speaking about in verses 6-10 that causes him to begin to pray for the Thessalonians?
  
15. What does Paul pray for the Thessalonian believers?
  
16. What is your calling as mentioned here in verse 11? See Rom. 8:30; 9:23-24; Phil. 3:14; 1 Thess. 2:12; 2 Thess. 2:14; Heb. 3:1; 1 Pet. 5:10.
  
17. How do Ps. 138:8 and Eph. 3:20-21 give further meaning to Paul's prayer that God would fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power?
  
18. What is the twofold purpose of our life as seen in verse 12?
  
19. How is that glorifying made possible (verse 12)?
  
20. No matter what aspect of your life you consider, the ribbon of God's grace binds it. How does God's grace move you to obedience? How does the magnitude of His unmerited favor pull you into service for Him?