

2 Thessalonians

Week 2 God's Judgment and Blessing

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2 Thessalonians 1:6-12

Tonight, we will look closely at the big picture of God and his plans for the wicked and the righteous. We will review just a bit from last week to bring the context into clarity.

1. **God is Just.** Vs. 6-8. Just: GREEK: *dikaios*. He is right and righteous in all his judgments. "designates the perfect agreement between His attributes and His acts." (Vines Dictionary of OT and NT Words).
How would or do people express their questioning the truth of this simple 3-word verse?

What is our answer to those questions? _____

It is important to remember that God takes the long view of humanity. He will pay back those who do evil and give relief to those who have been troubled by them.

He will do this when he returns and at the final judgment after his 1000-year reign.

Who will God punish? Those who do not know God or obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2. **How and when will God punish them?** Vs. 9-10
 - a. They will pay the penalty for rejecting God with ruination forever.

 - b. They will be shut out from the presence of the lord and his mighty glory.
The lack of God's presence is devastating beyond anyone's imagination here on earth. For even the unbeliever has some benefit to God's presence on the earth- even if they reject Him.

 - c. For those who believe in him and the gospel, the Lord will be glorified in them. He will be marveled at by all who believe. They will enjoy the presence of God forever!

This will occur at the 2nd coming of Christ- fully completed at the end of the 1000 year reign. Psalm 2:1-9; Matt. 25:31,32; Rev. 19:11-20:15

We will be glorified in Him because we will finally see Him as He is, in the fullness of His glory! 1 John 3:1-6; 2 Cor. 3:7-18.

The more time you spend spiritually seeking the LORD Jesus now, the more you will reflect Him in this life.

3. **The focus of prayers for the Thessalonian believers.** Vs 11,12
 - a. Constancy in prayer. _____
 - b. Living worthy of God's calling on their lives. _____
 - c. Fulfillment of all things good in their lives. _____
 - d. Deeds prompted by faith. _____
 - e. Jesus Christ magnified in their lives. _____