

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: 2 Thessalonians – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-12 – Christ shall come to be glorified and admired!

Today's Message:

"Glorious Day"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we introduced our new book and continued the history of the church founded in Acts 17. Paul was moved by the Holy Ghost to write a 2nd letter to provide clear teaching concerning the events that will occur prior to and during the Lord's return. Today, we will read one of the most comforting and frightening passages in the Bible related to the **RETURN** of Jesus Christ. The word of God speaks of a glorious day when Jesus Christ shall be revealed with His mighty angels for His long-awaited return to take the earth by **FORCE** and rule as King of all kings. What a day that will be! It will be a glorious day for those who love Him. Yet, it will be a day of calamity for those who refused to **OBEY** the Gospel.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 2 Thessalonians 1:7-12

#1. A Righteous Recompense – It is a righteous thing with God to **REPAY**. (5-6)

A RIGHTEOUS THING

- ✓ God **REMEMBERS** the suffering for Jesus Christ. *A manifest token – Ps 10:11; 77:9*
- ✓ God will not at all acquit the **WICKED**. *Righteous judgment of God – Nahum 1:3*
- ✓ God will **REPAY** with wrath and vengeance. *To recompense tribulation – Heb 10:30*
- ✓ *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an angry God. Heb 10:31*
- ✓ *Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things... Acts 3:21*
- ✓ *But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself... Rom 2:5-6*

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"recompense"
To require; to
repay; to return
an equivalent; in
a bad sense.

NOTE A holy, just, righteous God MUST recompense punishment for rebellion and sin.

#2. A Righteous Revelation – Jesus Christ shall be revealed in **GLORY**. (7-9)

SHALL BE REVEALED

- ✓ *Mt 16:27 – For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father WITH HIS ANGELS*
- ✓ *Mt 25:31; 26:64 – When the Son of man shall come in his glory... ALL THE HOLY ANGELS*
- ✓ *Mk 8:38 - ... when he cometh in the glory of his Father WITH THE HOLY ANGELS.*
- ✓ *Mk 14:62 – And Jesus said, I am: and YE SHALL SEE the Son of man... coming...*
- ✓ *Acts 1:11 – ... gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus... SHALL SO COME in like manner*

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- ✓ **Heb 9:28** – So Christ... unto them that look for him shall he appear THE SECOND TIME
- ✓ **Jude 14** – And Enoch... Behold, the Lord cometh WITH TEN THOUSANDS OF HIS SAINTS
- ✓ **Rev 1:7** – Behold, he cometh with clouds; and EVERY EYE SHALL SEE HIM...
- ✓ **Rev 19:11** – And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and HE THAT SAT...

NOTE This is the most majestic entrance in history... we will be WITH our Lord and King!

GOD’S HOLY JUSTICE SYSTEM

- ✓ *Tribulation* – severe affliction as just reward for crimes.
- ✓ *Flaming fire* – the Lord Jesus Christ will have a devouring flame of fire at His coming!
- ✓ *Vengeance* – a just retribution, recompense, or punishment for crimes.
- ✓ **Know not God** – the so-called “agnostic” (“I don’t know”) – **Mt 21:26-27; Rom 1:18-20**
- ✓ **Obey not the Gospel** – includes Non-Christian “Deists” – **Rom 16:26;10:8-13; Eph2:8,9**
- ✓ *Punished* – afflicted with pain as the retribution of a crime or offense. **Mt 13:42; 18:8**
- ✓ *Everlasting destruction* – NOT annihilation – eternal torment. **Lk 16:24; Rev 14:11**
- ✓ *From the presence of the Lord* – not just eternal separation... **Rev 14:10**

Jesus quoted
Isaiah 66:24
more than any
other verse in
the entire OT.
(3 times)

NOTE Vengeance is NOT revenge. The purpose of vengeance is to satisfy God’s holy law; the purpose of revenge is to pacify a personal grudge. God does not hold a grudge against lost sinners. Quite the opposite, He sent His Son to die for them, and He pleads with them to return to Him. And, if sinners choose to “know not God” and “obey not the gospel” there is nothing left for God to do but judge them: and He will.

#3. A Righteous Admiration – Jesus Christ will be glorified IN His saints. (10-12)

GLORIFIED IN HIS SAINTS... ADMIRING IN ALL THEM THAT BELIEVE

- ✓ “Those who look upon the saints will feel a sudden wonderment of sacred delight; they will be startled with the surprising glory of the Lord’s work in them; ‘We thought He would do great things, but this! This surpasseth conception!’ Every saint will be a wonder to himself. ‘I thought my bliss would be great, but not like this!’ All his brethren will be a wonder to the perfected believer. He will say, “I thought the saints would be perfect, but I never imagined such a transfiguration of excessive glory would be put upon each of them. I could not have imagined my Lord to be so good and gracious.” (Spurgeon)

PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT That our God would...

- ✓ **Count you worthy of this calling... fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness... and the work of faith with power... Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him**

NOTE All this is according to the GRACE of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. Our lifeline!

B. The Application (How will you apply this truth to your life?)

1. This truth was intended to provide **UNLIMITED** encouragement for believers!

QUESTION Do you find REST through these words? What did God tell you to do today?

2. This truth was intended to provide **SOBERING** enlightenment for unbelievers!

QUESTION Has the fear of the Lord given you wisdom today? It should lead you to Christ!

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