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Many times in our churches, we don't hear much about the wrath of God. People, they don't want to know about God's wrath. They don't want to believe that this New Testament God is the same God of the Old Testament, that he's a God of judgment. They don't know and understand the purposes. Why would God judge? And the reason is this, because he's a holy and righteous God. And when we look prophetically, I'm speaking about Old Testament prophecy and also prophecy in the New Covenant, we see that the purpose of God's judgment is to bring about his order, what type of order, a kingdom order. So make no mistake, we see throughout the New Testament, when we look at Messiah teaching. When we look at Paul's teaching, when we look at John's teaching, and all the apostles, they speak about a time coming at the end of this age, what we call the last days, where God will indeed pour out judgment, specifically his wrath. Now, if we're going to understand what happens in this world, we always have to ask ourselves, what is the source of what's taking place, because we know this church and in Thessaloniki, it's being persecuted, intensely being persecuted. They are experiencing tribulations in the plural, abundant, abundant trials and affliction. But none of that is from God. God will use it in order to to give evidence to others of their faith. And God will use it in order to reward them for their endurance in their perseverance, but the source of this persecution, and that time going back 1900 years ago, almost what we do, what do we see? It's the enemy, they are suffering. Why? Because of their faith. And what we see prophetically is that this world is not moving towards righteousness. This world is not experiencing the light of God, His revelation, in in very clear and bold terms, quite the difference. We're seeing that the world that we're in, is becoming dark, and it will become darker and darker, more unrighteous, it will become ripe and ready for God's judgment. And how we know that we're getting close to that time of God's judgment is that there's going to be an increase in persecution of believers. And that's why Paul, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, He is speaking about into this congregation, the Thessalonians. He's speaking about them, because this is an example what they're

going through and hear this, what they need to understand. And by the way, you need to understand it as well.

What they need to understand is good to prepare them to be faithful in the midst of what they're going through, and it will prepare you and me to be faithful for what's on the soon horizon. And that is the coming of the last days. Well take out your Bible. And look with me to Second Thessalonians and chapter one. Now, we left off with verse seven last week, speaking about the revealing of Our Lord, Messiah, Yeshua, Jesus Christ, and how he is coming. He is coming with flames of fire. That is a prophetic description of God's judgment being poured out God's wrath being placed in this world. And he's coming who's going to be the ones who receive that? We see that he says two things. Those who do not know God. Now we need to understand what that means.

I do not know God. In Romans chapter one, verse 19. God says, what can be known by God, God has place within all humanity. He's done that through his conscience, He's given us a conscience. He put it in us that we might know God is that God exists. And with that conscience, we have the ability from God, he's equipped us to understand a degree, a portion of his his revelation, people who reject Messiah, who are not regenerated, who are not born again, who are not saved. These individuals, many of them can look at God's word and say, I understand that that lines not good, I understand that stealing is not right. They can understand a portion a degree of God's revelation. But what happens, even though they know that God exists, that there's a God out there Creator God, creation also reveals that fact. But God's put it in through the conscience, that he's equipped every human being with the knowledge that God exists. And therefore, when Paul says in verse seven, that God's wrath, this flames of fire is going to be poured out upon those first he says, who do not know Him? Now, there's not a conflict.

It's not that they don't know him. What he's saying is, they do not acknowledge him. They do not want to admit and have their lives reflect that they know there's a God. What does that speak to one thing, rebellious. And the second thing he says, that we saw at the end of our study last week, is that they rejected that gospel message. What is the gospel very simply, it is good news about God's plan of redemption. It's good news about a kingdom access through the work, more specifically, the blood of Messiah, blood relates to redemption. God offers this to the world. We know that he in the last days, it says, for example, two places in Matthew 24, verse 14, and also in Revelation 14, in verse six, it says that this gospel of the kingdom is going to be proclaimed throughout all the world, as a testimony to the nations. God wants to say, the nations one person at a time, but the problem is those who's going to receive God's judgment, his wrath, or those who has rejected the Gospel. And that's what he says, At the end of verse, verse seven, and eight. And now let's look at our next verse, verse, verse nine. He says, concerning these individuals, denying God rejecting the gospel, he says, Who will pay a price? Now this word for price is literally the word that we understand as a fine, it's a payment that you must make as a penalty. So there is going to be for those who deny God reject the gospel, they are going to have to pay a penalty. And what is that, that that fine? What is that payment that they're gonna have to make? Notice, it's a very expensive payment, because he says, Here it is, eternal destruction,

destruction without in, and that is going to be initially and what we call the the concept of hell. And ultimately, it's going to be eternal. And what the Bible says in the Book of Revelation, that that that lake that burns with fire and brimstone, it never ends. That's why it says, eternal destruction. And this is coming. And the language here is very specific. Many people say, Well, I find it hard to believe in a God that would punish eternally, and some torment and that's what the Scripture uses the word torment. I have a hard time accepting a God like this. You can make the decision that you want. God has given to all humanity, the power to choose, but but know what you're choosing. If you reject God, if you rebel against His truth, if you do not accept the gospel, the penalty that you will have to pay is a turtle destruction doesn't get worse than this. And where's this eternal destruction coming from? Literally it says that we

By translate it from the presence of the Lord, but it literally means from the face of the Lord. That is, God is Aware, God is looking, it is from Him, He is overseen this this eternal destruction, why? Holiness, God's righteous character, His Holiness, demands that he punishes sin. And sin brings about not just death, but eternal death. That's why we have that phrase, eternal destruction. So look again, verse nine, who these ones who reject the knowledge of God and the gospel, who will pay out a penalty a fine. And that penalty is what eternal destruction from the presence of the Lord. And they're not going to experience it says here and from the glory of His power. Now, God, we need to understand that they're not going to experience God's glory. But dot and this is what the scripture saying,

God pouring out His wrath manifests His glory. When God judges sin, it is a glorious thing. Because it speaks to His righteousness, who he is. Now God will judge it, but he's also going to eternally destroy sin. And that's good. Why? Because sin is the cause of all your sorrow. I want to say that again. All of our sorrow, sadness, tears, and not just the emotional. But also we see that all sickness, all crime, everything that's bad in this world, everything that we would acknowledge is not good,

is a consequence of sin. And we should be thankful we should get a heavenly mentality. Why do I say that? Well, if you look, for example, at the book of Revelation and chapter eight, when we see God's wrath being poured out, for example, and in chapter 16, these bold judgments have great measures of God's wrath being displayed, what's going on? In the heavens? The heavens are praising God rejoicing concerning and the term that's found there is God's righteous judgment.

And those on the earth that's receiving it, what does the Scripture say? He says that they are unwilling to repent, they're unwilling to turn away from their sorcery, their their sin, their thievery, their immorality, they don't want to change. God reveals Himself through His wrath. And they would rather suffer eternal wrath from God, then to embrace his standards, to acknowledge that sin, sin in their life, they don't want to confess that they want to do their way. And we see that they won't lead their idolatry, which is a testimony that they want a religion that does what they determined that they want to be in control. So it

says that this judgment is from the very presence of God, and it's going to manifest it's coming from the glory of His power, verse 10.

Whenever he should come, whenever this judgment should come through Messiah, it says, it is going to be in glory, and with His Holiness, it is going to manifest God's holiness to the world. Now understand holiness, we hear that and many times we don't have a proper understanding of what God's talking about. When he speaks of holiness. He's speaking of that, which is according to His purposes, so God must judge sin and order that his purposes, his will, is manifested. And it's through the expression of His will, when things are reflecting his order, that kingdom order that glory is going to be manifested. So it speaks about here, that he's going to come in glory with holiness, His Holiness, but we can understand it this way. His holy saints, that's what the word is. So God's reading his holiness, and who is that? The Saints why we have been transformed by redemption. And through that redemption, we become holy ones. That's what the word saints means. So he's bringing holiness who's that you and me into the world into His kingdom reality as an outcome from God judging and it's

says those who are believing they're going to be a mace. They're going to marvel at this glorious kingdom of God. So God's wrath establishes the glory of His kingdom, and those who believe in Him, we're going to be amazed, we're going to be caused to marvel at at what God's plan ultimately is. So we need to pause and ask ourselves a question, and that's this. Do I want to be part of that kingdom? Do I want to know God's glory? Do I want God to work in my life, that I would become a saint? Now we need to understand this in two ways. God, the moment that you believe, God imputes to you righteousness, so that you are seen by him because of the righteousness of Messiah, not because who I am, but because who I become in Messiah, this new covenant relationship. So I become declared a saint by God, with that assurance with that promise. But my call now is to grow and mature and behave in a way that manifests His Holiness, through my life, through what I do and what I do not do. So what he comes and this is how we know that we're speaking about the the second coming, you know, people say all the times, get ready for the second coming, false teaching why? If you're a believer, you don't have to be ready for the second coming. You need to be ready for the rapture. You need to be ready for these last days, but see, learn the order. What's gonna happen is this. We need to get ready for persecution. For what we're going to experience in the last days, that testimony, that mighty testimony, manifesting God's light through a powerful testimony. That's what we're supposed to be doing. And when that time is right, no one knows that day or the hour, what's going to happen?

The heavens are going to be open up, there's going to be a shout of that shofar that ram's horn. What does the shofar speak to God's provision for victory? That's what we see in the book of Genesis in chapter 24, the first reference that ram's horn which is the shofar, it's blown, for what reason for the announcing that God provides what's necessary for victory. See, when when God provided that ram caught in the thicket by his horns. It brought about the promise what promised Yitzchok Isaac didn't die, he experienced life for what God because of what God provided. And then as God begins to explain this, he says, in that same thing that God saw, and he provided, and what's the outcome, that we are going to possess the gates of our enemies. So it's that possession of the gates of the enemies, which is

an idiom for victory. So the shofar reminds us, God provides what's necessary for victory. And that's why that shofar is sounded that ram's horn at the time, the rapture, God's gonna give us that new body, that glorified body, that body that's perfectly designed for the kingdom of God, so that we can always and do nothing else, but serve God perfectly, worship him properly. So we receive that at the time of the rapture. We go, we're brought into the kingdom of heaven, where we're going to be with Messiah, and it's at the end of Daniel 7/8 week that Messiah returns. And the scripture says, for example, we're in Second Thessalonians. But in First Thessalonians, in chapter three and verse 13, it tells us that the saints, that's you and I, believers, the congregation to redeem the church is going to be coming with him. We're going to come with Messiah. So we don't have to get ready because when you take part in the rapture year with him, and when he comes, we're going to come with him. We're always going to be with him. The time to get ready now is for the rapture, not for the second coming. We're going to be in the kingdom with him, we will just naturally come. So it says here and speaking of this event, look at verse 10.

Whenever he should come in glory,

with the saints with his saints, and they will will be amaze who will be those who are believing there'll be amazed by all because of what we

Listen, because our testimony unto you was believed. Paul says the benefit is that you believe this testimony wasn't Paul's testimony. It's what God revealed to him. That gospel message that you believed that testimony, our testimony unto you concerning what concerning that day. And when we speak of in the scripture that day, it's speaking about judgment day. And that judgment day for a believer, let me say it in another way, that judgment date for a saint is going to be a glorious day, we are going to see the righteousness of God that was promised to us being explained to us being established being revealed to us with the establishment of the Kingdom of God. And that's what Paul is referring to here. When he says in that day, look at verse level

four, which also, we pray, always concerning you. Now, he knows that they're suffering, he knows that they're giving a testimony. And he says, This is the reason why that we pray always for you, in order that you should be worthy. What does that mean? That we should have a proper and appropriate testimony, that we should behave righteously, as a child of God as the saint should behave, that we should behave wordly worthily, at because of the calling of our God, God's given us a call, and we should take that call, apply it to our life, and carry out that call the purposes of God in a worthy manner. That's what Paul say. And he says, We're praying for you, that that will be the reality of your life once again,

for which also, we pray always concerning you, in order that you shall be worthy of the call of our God. And it says here, the fulfillment of every good thinking of goodness. Now, there's two different words in

the Greek language here for good. And what he says here is that we want good, what's good, the fulfillment of God's will. So it says, we are praying that you are use and ordered the goodness that good thought that God has, which produces goodness, meaning, it reveals the goodness of God, the character of God. It says, with works of faith. How? Well putting truth into action. That's what faith is. There's an inherent relationship between that Word, faith and truth. So we read

and the works of faith in power. Now, when we walk in faith, when we live our life according to the truth, we can be assured of something what is that? That God is going to supply power to us. When we say God, I am committed to your truth. I'm going to obey your word. And my utmost desire is to walk in humility, submissively obediently to your revelation, what your truth commands me to do. Now, commandments of God, do you know that there's a relationship between that word commandment and the concept of unity? When we obey God? Again, we are not saved by obedience. But if you're saved, you will want to obey God. That's That's our new nature. We when we come to faith, we turn to Messiah. Why? Because we want to turn away from sin. We don't want to embrace that which is against his will. We're turning to him for

obedience, we have been saved so that we can walk with with God in His purposes. So when we make that decision, we are going to receive power. Look now to verse 12, our last verse, Thus, that the name of our Lord, now name is synonymous with with character. I say that a lot. So when we read here, that the name of our Lord should be glorified. That's what we're concerned about. We're not concerned about ourselves, what people think of us

We're not concerned with what we don't have or do have, we're concerned with one thing that our life would be use in order to glorify the Name of the Lord. And I think it's so important here that God is spoken of here. It's Messiah, we believe in the divinity of Christ. And it's so important that instead of his name, your shoe or savior, that he's called, Lord, why, if we want to manifest God's glory, if we want to properly glorify the the Savior, we have to acknowledge Him as Lord of our life, soul, thus, that the name of our Lord should be glorified, who's our Lord, Messiah, your shoe. And he says, in you, that's what we're supposed to do in our lives. And he says, You in him. Now, what's his speaking about here? You in him speaks about that intimacy, that that experiencing of God's presence. And it's when we are obeying His Word, that we find ourselves known as what it says that he's going to act, behave, worked out his purposes in you, and you are going to be drawn closer to being in him that that intimacy, that presence of God, according to the grace of our God, and Lord, Messiah, your shoe. Now he ends this first chapter with this concept of grace. Why? Now we know Grace saves. But there's another aspect of the grace of God, God's grace saves us. Yes, it does, saves us eternally, that we might have assurance. But God's grace has a second purpose. And that is that God's grace moves in our life, it works in order to bring us to fulfill the will of God, God's grace, when we receive it, we're gonna have a new a different perspective, we're gonna have that renewing of, of the Spirit within us. And that renewing of the Spirit is when we move closer and closer and closer to the will of God, obeying the purposes of God, and doing that which brings him glory. So God's grace, it moves in her life, so that we can manifest the glory of God and have what's so precious to him, and what should be our utmost

desire, and that is to have and hear this a god pleasing testimony. So let me close with that sentence. Do you have a testimony that's pleasing to God. That's what is of interest to your Lord and Savior. I'll close with that. Shalom.

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