

December 12, 2021

Text: II Thessalonians 1:5-10

Title: No Rest for the Wicked

Theme: Judgments of God

Psalm 73:2-3

But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped

For I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked

Psalm 73:16

When I thought how to understand this, it was too painful for me

Psalm 73:17

When I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end

Isaiah 57:20-21

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt

There is no peace, says My God, for the wicked

God's righteous judgment comes to believers and unbelievers alike:

1. God is righteous in His judgment with believers (vv. 5, 7a)

- Who will be judged?

God has designed suffering to work for us and not against us

- Why will they be judged?
Suffering was evidence of salvation

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit”

II Corinthians 4:8-12

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, that the life of the Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you

- What will happen when they are judged?
Relief for the redeemed

2. God is righteous in His judgment with unbelievers (vv. 6, 7b-10)

- Who will be judging? (vv. 6, 7b)
The Lord Jesus will be revealed

Greek word *parousia* used when referring to believers in

relation to the Second Coming

Greek word for **revealed** is *apokalypsis* = “unveiling” or “appearing of someone unknown”

- When will they be judged? (vv. 7b,10)
After the rapture; end of the Great Tribulation; Beginning of Millennial Kingdom
- Who will be judged? (vv. 6a, 8)
 - Repayment to Afflictors who afflicted believers
Greek word **repay** is *antapodidomi* = “to give back”

Romans 12:17 19

**Repay no one evil for evil. .do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written,
“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord**

- Who do not know God - No personal relationship with God, which only comes through Jesus Christ

Five universal witnesses whereby all men are without excuse:

1. God-consciousness (Romans 1:19)
 2. Creation (Romans 1:20-22)
 3. Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)
 4. God’s Word (Isaiah 40:8; I Peter 1:24-25)
 5. Believers testifying (Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:18-20)
- Who do not obey the gospel - Those who have heard the gospel and have rejected it

- What will happen when they are judged?
 - Eternal destruction
 - Greek word *aionios* = “without end” or “endless duration”
 - Greek word *olethros* = “ruin” or “no relief”

 - Annihilationism - Cease to exist
 - Universalism - Everyone eventually ends up in heaven
 - Eternal separation
 - From God which is the 2nd death