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The Sustaining God

From the Series,
"What Is God Like?"

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

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1. Paul's Gratitude For Their Commitment (1-4)

- a. Their healthy roots (1-3a) - "...We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly..."
- b. Their deepening relationships (3b) - "...and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing."
- c. Their patient resilience (4) - "Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring."

2. Paul's Guarantee Of Their Justice (5-10)

- a. God was proving their faith (5) - "This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering..."

"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small." - Proverbs 24:10

- b. God was promising their vindication (6-9) - "...since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might."

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- c. God was preparing their glory (10) - "...when He comes on that day to be glorified in His saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed." (See also vs. 12 below)

3. Paul's Goal For Their Future (11-12)

- a. He was interceding (11a) - "To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling..."
- b. He was inspirational (11b) - "...and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by His power..."
- c. He was intentional (12) - "So that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."