

You Are Our Glory and Joy

I Thess 2: 17-20

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- In these few verses, Paul lays out three things for us to consider
  - First.....the heartfelt love for one another (Vs 17)
  - Second....the hindrances of Satan (Vs 18)
  - Third.....Jesus is coming back again (Vs 19)
- Love for one another
  - John 13: 34-35
    - In this passage there is an implication of something far greater than “phileo” love

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- It is the desire for our brothers and sisters in Christ to have.....
  - Their spiritual needs met
    - Eph 5: 18-21
    - Why are we to do this?
    - Eph 5: 15-16
  - Their physical needs met as well
    - James 2: 15-16; I Thess 1: 8-9
  - An example of Christ lived before them (Vs 10)

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- Paul says...we were deprived of those things
  - Vs 17....having been taken away from you
  - Acts 17: 1-10
    - Some have said that the pledge of Jason was that Paul would never be allowed in Thessalonica again
    - Paul is giving this church his heartfelt thoughts
      - Vs 18a....more than once I wanted to come to you
- “yet Satan hindered us”
  - We need to look at some examples of Satan’s work
  - Job 1: 1

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- Here was a godly man who feared God and hated evil.....
  - Lesson #1.....
  - If you are going to live for God, you have a target on your back
  - Job 1: 7-10
    - Satan hates the blessings of God in your life
  - Lesson # 2.....
    - Job 1: 12; Job 2: 6.....Satan can only do what God allows
    - Why would God allow this????

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- Lesson # 3.....
  - Vs 9..... Satan will use anything or anyone to throw you off course
- Lesson # 4.....
  - Job 4: 1-9.....Satan will use lying and accusations
  - His tactics never change
  - Note.....
  - Ananias and Sapphira.....
    - Lying to whom? (Acts 5: 3-4)

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- Lesson # 5.....
  - The greatest and least are in his sights
  - Peter....
    - Luke 22: 31
  - Paul.....
    - II Cor 12: 7
  - Judas.....
    - Luke 22: 3; II Cor 4: 3-4
  - He is always after the Church
    - Rev 2: 9; 13; 3: 9

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- Lesson # 6
  - Luke 22: 31-32
    - Strengthen your brothers
  - II Cor 1: 3-6
    - Comfort one another
- I Thess 2: 19.....
  - Who is our hope or joy?
  - Is it not you???
- When????
  - At His coming



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- Paul lived in the expectation of Christ's coming
  - "in the presence"
  - "Parousia"....used in the context of viewing the person
- Used 18 times in the N.T.
  - II Thess 2: 8-9
    - Referring to the Anti-christ
    - Note Satan is always trying to imitate God
  - Isa 14: 14

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- Regardless of how hard he tries he cannot stop the plan of God
- Jesus is coming!!!!
- Paul realizes this and takes great joy in knowing this
  - In fact, the entire N.T. is replete with verses
  - Those verses may not use the same words
    - But the concept is the same
    - Jesus is coming and nothing or no one will change that

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- Examples....Given by Jesus. ([Matt 13:40-43](#); [19:28](#); [24:30, 31](#); [25:1-12, 31-46](#); [Mark 8:38](#); [13:6, 7, 24-26](#); [14:62](#); [Luke 12:35-40](#); [18:8](#); [21:36](#))
- The writings of Paul.... ([Rom 8:19-24](#); [1 Cor 15:22-28, 51-57](#); [2 Cor 5:9, 10](#); [Eph 4:30](#); [Phil 3:20, 21](#); [Col 3:4](#); [1 Thess 4:13-17](#); [5:1-11](#); [2 Thess 1:7-10](#); [2:1-14](#); [1 Tim 6:14](#); [2 Tim 1:18](#); [4:1, 8](#); [Titus 2:13](#)).

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- James twice mentions Jesus' return
  - James 5: 7-8
- Peter speaks of Jesus' return
  - 1 Peter ([1:7](#); 4:5, [13](#); 5:4-10)
  - II Peter 3....is all about Jesus' return
- John in his gospel.....([John 3:18, 36](#); [5:24](#); [15:3](#); [17:3](#); [1 John 2:5](#); [3:14](#); [4:13](#); [5:13, 19](#)) ([John 3:19](#); [5:24](#); [9:39](#); [12:31](#); [1 John 3:14](#)). ([John 5:28, 29](#); [6:39, 40, 44](#); [12:48](#); [21:22, 23](#)).

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- Now none of us knows when He will return
  - Neither did any of his apostles
  - They all lived through intense times
  - Knowing that He was coming back
  - Knowing that He would not forget them
  - Knowing that when He is revealed
  - He has said we will see His face
- We will look at those we have told the good news to and say...."you are our glory and joy"
- Daniel 12: 3

# We Shall See the King

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- There' a blessed time coming, coming soon
- It may be evening, morning or at noon
- The wedding of the bride united with the groom
- We shall see the King when He comes

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- We shall see the King, we shall see the King
- We shall see the King when He comes
- He is coming in power
- We'll hail the blessed hour
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- Are you ready should the Savior call today?
- Would Jesus say "well done" or "Go away?"
- My home is for the pure
- The vile can never stay
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- Oh, my brother, are you ready for the call?
- To crown your Savior King and Lord of all?
- The kingdoms of this world
- Shall soon before Him fall
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