

October 2, 2019
“Begin with the End in Mind”
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
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“Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy: To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ We must always thank God for you, brothers. This is right, since your faith is flourishing and the love each one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore, we ourselves boast about you among God’s churches—about your endurance and faith in all the persecutions and afflictions you endure. ⁵ It is a clear evidence of God’s righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God’s kingdom, for which you also are suffering, ⁶ since it is righteous for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you ⁷ and to reward with rest you who are afflicted, along with us. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, ⁸ taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don’t know God and on those who don’t obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord’s presence and from His glorious strength ¹⁰ in that day when He comes to be glorified by His saints and to be admired by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed. ¹¹ And in view of this, we always pray for you that our God will consider you worthy of His calling, and will, by His power, fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Th. 1:1-12)

I. What is Going to Happen? (5-10)

A. Manifest Evidence (5-6) “God’s righteous judgment” (5) “. . . it is righteous for God to repay. . .” (6) “That you will be counted worthy of God’s kingdom, for which you also are suffering” (5)

B. Millennial Experience “. . . to reward with rest. . .” (7-8)

C. Multiplied Equity “These will pay the penalty with eternal destruction” (9)

D. Magnified Expression “in that day when He comes to be glorified by His saints. . .” (10)

II. How Then Should We Live? (11-12)

A. Intercede “In view of this, we always pray for you. . .” (11a)

B. Inspire “that our God will consider you worthy of His calling. . .” (11)

C. Invest “and will, by His power, fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith” (11)

1. Great Purpose: The New English Bible translates ***“and mightily bring to fulfillment every good purpose.”***
2. Great Projects ***“the work of faith”***
3. Great Power ***“by His power”***

D. Instill *“so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified by you, and you by Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”* (12)

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