

SIN NOW, PAY LATER  
II THESS. 1:5-12

Introduction:

- A. The Thessalonians had been faithful in suffering persecutions. v4
  - 1. "Patience and faith."
  - 2. "persecutions and tribulations."
  
- B. This was proof to them of their commitment to the kingdom.
  - 1. manifest = endigma = a thing pointed out, a thing proved, "Plain indication."
  - 2. Paul and Barnabas.
    - a. Acts 14:22 "And exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."
  - 3. The "righteous judgment of God," is future.
    - a. "For which ye also suffer."
  - 4. "in behalf of, for the sake of."
  - 5. They are motivated by allegiance to the King and His Kingdom.

I. THE JUDGMENT OF THE WICKED DESCRIBED. v6-8

- A. If God is righteous, there will be judgment.
  - 1. "It is a righteous thing for God to do it."
  - 2. recompense tribulation = to give back them in kind. They will receive full compensation for what they have done.
  
- B. To the ones who are afflicted, "rest."
  - 1. rest = the loosening or relaxing of a taut bowstring, the relaxing of tension or pressure.
  - 2. with us = the missionaries.
  
- C. The Judge. v7 "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed."



1. It will be at the "unveiling" of Jesus.
2. It is described in three prepositional phrases.
  - a. "from heaven" = a way from heaven.
  - b. "with the angels" = of His power.  
Matt. 16:27; 25:31.  
They are angels of His power.
  - c. "in flaming fire" = fiery manifestation.

D. The Judgment.

1. rendering vengeance = giving is descriptive of the action of a judge meting our vengeance (that which proceeds out of justice) giving a criminal all, no more or no less, than he deserves.

II. THE PEOPLE AT THE JUDGMENT VS

A. "on them that know not God."

1. The heathens, the Gentiles.
2. Those who refuse the light of God in nature.
  - a. Rom. 2:10-15.

B. "them that obey not the gospel."

1. These have more guilt.
2. They not only refuse light, they refuse to obey.
3. They reject the good news of our Saviour.

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE JUDGMENT.

A. "who shall be punished."

1. A penalty shall pay.
2. Punishment determined by a lawful process.

B. "with everlasting punishment."

1. aionios = age-long, endless, undefined .

C. "from the presence of the Lord."

1. apo = from, locality, away from.
2. saved = with, lost = away from Jesus.

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- D. "from the glory of His power."
  - 1. The world has never seen this.
  - 2. Never dwell in His glory and Power.

IV. "WHEN EVER HE SHALL COME" v10

- A. His coming certain, the time is not.
  - 1. Christ will be glorified when it is openly displayed what He has wrought in His saints, now assembled in perfected spirits and glorified bodies.
  - 2. The artist is admired for what he does with inadequate materials.
  - 3. "to be marvelled at" v10
    - a. By the believing and unbelieving.
  - 4. The decisive factor.
    - a. Testimony. was believed. v10

V. PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THEM. v11,12

- A. In light of all these things.
- B. "We always pray for you."
- C. "Count you worthy of the calling."
  - 1. Give you power.
- D. "fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness."
  - 1. Help you do all the good things you want to do.
- E. "the work of faith with power."
  - 1. Empower every work your faith leads you to do.
- G. "and ye in him."
- H. How shall this be accomplished?
  - 1. v12 "according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."