

Lesson Eight (January 27, 2016)

2 Thessalonians

Text: Chapters 1 & 3 of Second Thessalonians

Summary of Text:

Questions:

1. In 1:1-2 what does Paul say about the Father and Jesus?
2. Why does Paul give thanks (1:3)?
3. What are the reasons for Paul's boasting (1:4)?
4. What is the evidence Paul mentions in 1:5?
5. Does 1:6 surprise you?
 - a. Should God NOT want to inflict vengeance?
 - b. Explain
6. Who will be with Jesus when he returns (1:7)?
7. Why does Paul mention "flaming fire" in 1:8?
8. 1:8 is a powerful verse for evangelism -- list the two groups who will suffer vengeance from Jesus and His mighty angels?
 - a. Does it surprise us that "those who do not know God" are in there?
 - i. If we are atheists and it turns out there is a God, would it surprise us this could end badly?
 - b. But what about the second group -- these are not atheists -- but they have not done what?
 - i. Is it fair to inflict vengeance on this group of people who believe in God?
 - ii. What does this tell us about the importance of the Gospel of Jesus?
9. How does 1:9 describe the vengeance?
10. Explain the meaning of 1:10.

11. How does 1:11 tie in with the previous verse(s)?
12. What is going on in 1:12?
13. Skip to Chapter 3:1-2 -- why does Paul want their prayers?
14. What is the difference in 3:3 with 3:2 about faith?
15. In 3:4 is Paul only confident about the present state of his audience or does he look into the future?
16. What does 3:5 mean to you?
17. What lesson is being driven home in 3:6-10?
 - a. What about those who can't work?
 - b. What is the overall principle being taught?
18. What is the problem in 3:11?
19. The solution in 3:12 is for those folks to do what?
20. What danger exists in 3:13?
21. What lessons do you learn from 3:14-15 about those who do not obey what Paul says in the letter?
22. Describe how vast (or narrow) is Paul's statement in 3:16.
 - a. How does this make you feel?
23. Why do you think 3:17 is included in the text?
24. Is 3:18 a good pattern to model?
 - a. Is this something we say to each other?
 - b. Why or why not?

Your questions, comments, and thoughts?

What are the practical lessons for you today?