

The second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

^{1:1}Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the gathering of the called-out ones of the Thessalonians in God our Father and in the Lord Jesus the Anointed One: ^{1:2}May you have grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus the Anointed One.

^{1:3}We are compelled to always give thanks to God for you, brethren. *Your lives are worthy of such thanksgiving* because your faith grows remarkably and your love for each other overflows, ^{1:4}*with the result* that we boast about you in the gatherings of the called-out ones of God concerning your patience and faith during all your persecutions and through the sufferings which you endure. ^{1:5}This is clear evidence of the righteous judgment of God so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer.

^{1:6}It is also clear that God considers it justice to pay back with suffering those who cause you to suffer ^{1:7}and to give you who are suffering rest together with us. *This will happen* when the Lord Jesus is revealed, descending from heaven with his powerful angels; ^{1:8}taking revenge with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the message of good news about our Lord.

^{1:9}These individuals will suffer the penalty of eternal [irreversible] destruction which comes from the face of the Lord and from the radiant brilliance of his power. ^{1:10}This will occur on the day in which he will be glorified in his holy ones and be admired in all those who have believed (because our testimony to you was believed).

^{1:11}This is the reason that we always pray for you so that our God would consider you worthy of this calling. *We also pray* that by his power you would fulfill every one

of his good desires and complete every work of faith. ^{1:12}In this way the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you and you *will be glorified* in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus the Anointed One.

CHAPTER 2

^{2:1}Now we beg you, brethren – concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus the Anointed One and our gathering together to him – ^{2:2}not to become easily agitated in your mind or be disturbed, neither by any spirit, nor by any “word,” nor by any letter claiming to be from us declaring that the day of the Lord [the millennial kingdom] has arrived.

^{2:3}Don’t let anyone fool you in any way. For that “day” will not come unless the great apostasy comes first and the man of **the** sin is revealed. This is the one destined for destruction, ^{2:4}even the one who will set himself against and exalt himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped so that he will sit in the temple of God, *thus* declaring himself to be God. [The sin of verse 3.]

^{2:5}Don’t you remember that when I was still with you, I told you these things? ^{2:6}Yet for now, remember that there is something restraining *this event* so that he will be revealed at the right time. ^{2:7}For the secret plan *to perpetrate this sin* is already in operation, only there is something which is restraining it right now until it is taken out of the way.*

^{2:8}And then the law violator will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will slay with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the intense brightness of his presence.

^{2:9}This is the one whose appearing will be supported by the operation of Satan with *all kinds of* power, signs, and pseudo miracles. ^{2:10}*Using every kind of deception concerning the injustice [of his programs and policies], he will mislead the ones who are going to be destroyed. These are ones who,* because they didn’t love the truth, didn’t receive it so that they might have been saved.

^{2:11}And for this reason God will send upon them a strong delusion so that they will believe the lie, ^{2:12}and so

*This “something” is the restraining hand of God.

that those who didn't believe the truth but approved of the injustice of *the man of the sin* might all be judged.

^{2:13}But we are compelled to always give thanks to God for you brethren who are loved by the Lord because God chose you from the beginning to receive *a complete* salvation through being made holy by the Spirit and *by having* faith in the truth. ^{2:14}This is what he called you to through our good news message so that you could be obtaining the glory of our Lord Jesus the Anointed One. ^{2:15}So then, brethren, stand firm and hold onto the precepts which you were taught, whether by words or by letters from us.

^{2:16}Now may our Lord Jesus the Anointed One himself and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and a wonderful hope through grace ^{2:17}comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

CHAPTER 3

^{3:1}Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread freely and be glorified even as it also is with you. ^{3:2}And *pray* that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men, for not all have the faith.

^{3:3}But the Lord is faithful. *It is he* who will establish you and protect you from the evil one. ^{3:4}And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you that you now do and will keep on doing the things which we passed on to you. ^{3:5}And *may* the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of the Anointed One.

^{3:6}Now we charge you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus the Anointed One that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who will not work and is not living according to the example which they received from us.

^{3:7}For you know how you ought to imitate us, for we were not idle while we were among you, ^{3:8}neither did we look for free food from anyone, but we worked hard, laboring night and day so that we would not be a financial burden to any of you.

^{3:9}This is not because we didn't have the freedom to do so, but *we chose to live this way* to make ourselves an example to you so that you could imitate us. ^{3:10}For even when

we were with you, we charged you *saying*: "If anyone won't work, neither let him eat."

^{3:11}For we hear about some who pass their time among you idly, who don't work at all but spend their time meddling in other peoples affairs.* ^{3:12}Now those who are like this we charge and exhort in the Lord Jesus the Anointed One that they work without disturbing others and earn money to pay for the food they eat.

^{3:13}But you, brethren, don't be discouraged in doing good.

^{3:14}And if anyone won't listen to our words from this letter, notice who he is and don't continue to have close relationships with him so that he may be ashamed. ^{3:15}Yet don't consider him to be an enemy but admonish him as a brother.

^{3:16}Now *may* the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in everything. The Lord be with you all.

^{3:17}This is my greeting in my own handwriting which is the evidence of authenticity in every letter which I Paul, write.

^{3:18}The grace of our Lord Jesus the Anointed One be with you all.

*Some even have the audacity to call this "ministry."

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