



2 Thessalonians 1:6-12
The Vengeance of the Lord—Part 4
From Sermon 5.22.22

Read *2 Thessalonians 1:6-12*

Review from Sunday's sermon: In the necessary and biblical sequence, having covered the truths about God and the lost, we now focus on the elect—God's people. The Lord has made and kept the promises concerning our calling, our gifted faith, our justification, and providence. He has also made promises concerning our deliverance and completed sanctification. As the days grow darker, the true church needs to know the current trials and future tribulations are temporary and that relief is on the way.

1. In Review:

What were some of the covered truth(s) about God? Various answers. He is both grace (love) and holy (wrath). There is no difference in the nature, purpose and plan between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. They are in complete unity. You cannot refashion Jesus into your own liking and desire.

Truth(s) about the World/Culture/Lost: There are outright persecutors of Christians, the indifferent who don't know God, and those inside the church who reject the Gospel = the real Jesus. Only death is in their future. Including a time in Hades, the Great White Throne Judgment, & the Lake of Fire.

2. What does key text promise to the elect? Rest. An end to tribulation and victory in Christ.

2a. When is it promised? Not until the Lord Jesus is revealed. Some of the rest has begun, but won't be complete until that Day. We are not promised physical safety or prosperity in this world.

See also John 16:33

3. The world/culture claim they just want peace, tolerance, and co-existence. Who is the only group asked (insisted) to compromise and change? The Bible-believing church. Sadly, much of the remaining church is rushing to embrace the world and its demands. See John 15:18-19 & James 4:4. Discuss.

4. What 6 things will God's people rest from?

- Persecution
- Works
- Fear of Death [we even included the form or manner of death]
- Battle with Sin and the Enemy
- The Curse on Creation See *Revelation 21:4-5*
- Our Longing for Reunion see also *1 John 3:2*

5. Which one do you look forward to the most and why? Various personal responses

6. Despite what many may say, the unsaved world deep down does indeed fear death. What attitudes and practice reveal this truth? Various thoughts. Endless search for aging cures, systems, and prevention. Money spent on products. Law after law to curb the sin nature. All the alternative belief systems that keep them out of hell/judgment.