

## 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12

### They Had that Coming

#### 1. This is the Righteous Judgment of God 5-8

A. An Evident Indication 5

B. Worthy of the Kingdom of God.

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." -1 Corinthians 6:9-11 ESV

"Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus." -Acts 5:41-42 ESV

"For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power."  
1 Corinthians 4:20 ESV

"And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to **proclaim the kingdom of God** and to heal. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." And they departed and went through the villages, **preaching the gospel** and healing everywhere."  
Luke 9:1-6 ESV

"Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" -Luke 10:9 ESV

"But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'" -Luke 16:25 ESV

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets."  
Luke 6:22-23 ESV

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him." -Romans 8:15-17 ESV

C. Finally Justice! 6-8

"Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort." -2 Corinthians 1:7 ESV

D. Who is Judgement going to fall upon? 8

**Those who Do not know God**

**Those who Do not obey the Gospel**

"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." -2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." -Romans 5:8-10 ESV

"You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him." -Romans 8:9 ESV

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.""  
Romans 12:19 ESV

## 2. The Content of the Judgment of God 9-10

### A. Eternal Destruction

"While people are saying, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape." -1 Thessalonians 5:3 ESV

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God." -Philippians 1:27-28 ESV

"And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire."  
Matthew 18:8 ESV

"And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire." -Jude 1:6-7 ESV

### B. Away from the Presence of the Lord

### C. All will marvel!

## 3. A Prayer to be Made Worthy 11, 12

"Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name." -Acts 5:41 ESV

"This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—" 2 Thessalonians 1:5 ESV

### A. It is the Work of God 11

### B. The Reason: to Glorify Jesus 12

### Reflection:

1. *How have you viewed judgment? How have people around you viewed judgment and what has your response either outwardly or inwardly?*
2. *Do you realize that God is able to make you worthy?*

### ***Follow UP in the Word through the Week...***

**Monday:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. What is the warning in this passage? When you read "kingdom of God" how do you understand that?

**Tuesday:** Luke 9:1-6. What did Jesus tell the 12 to do? What kind of things were to take place as they did this? How can this passage help you to understand what is meant by the "kingdom of God" as well?

**Wednesday:** Romans 5:8-10. What are the promises in these verses? What are we being saved from according to these verses?

**Thursday:** Jude 1:6-7. What does Jude describe here in these verses? How long does the punishment go on for in these verses?

**Friday:** Acts 5:12-42. What do the disciples say in verse 41? How does that help you to understand how to prepare for suffering for Jesus?

**Saturday:** 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9. Who is going to be punished along with those who persecute the church? What is the content of their judgment according to verse 9?