

NO FAIR! :SCALES OF JUSTICE

The word "fair" is a word that points to "_____".

In the Beatitudes (MATTHEW 5), Jesus depicts God as "_____ the scales"

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

"The Problem of Evil" = the difficulty of balancing the goodness of God and the existence of S_____ and evil.

1. God _____ at work in your life.

Evidence of God's work in the Thessalonians:

- Their _____ has grown
- Their _____ has increased
- Their _____ was strong

Sources of "unfair" challenges:

P_____ = to put to flight; to drive someone out; to scare someone off. Always denotes a P_____.

T_____ = a burden; an affliction. Not a P_____.

When God allows us to be challenged, we must never think that He hasn't already E_____.

2. God _____ to render _____.

"just" + "pay back" = "C_____". (*recompense; paying someone what they have E_____*)

For those who suffer, God promises _____. (*Anesin*)

Ultimately, the scales will be balanced when _____.

Who should not look forward to this balancing of the scales?

- 1 -- those who _____ for the faithful.
- 2 -- those who do not know _____
- 3 -- those who do not _____ the _____.

(They will be "*punished with everlasting _____ and _____ from the presence of the Lord.*")

Two approaches to the Bible:

Those who A_____ with it.

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3. God _____ Now

God works during our challenges to make us _____.