



God's Righteous Judgment & REWARDS III; 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-12

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Intro

Where is our heart?

Text: 2nd Thessalonians 1:5-10 HCSB

12 It is a clear evidence of God's righteous judgment that you will be counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also are suffering, 6 since it is righteous for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you 7 and to **reward with rest you who are afflicted, along with us**. This will take place at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His powerful angels, 8 taking vengeance with flaming fire on those who don't know God and on those who don't obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction from the Lord's presence and from His glorious strength **10 in that day when He comes to be glorified by His saints and to be admired by all those who have believed, because our testimony among you was believed.....**

I. Rest as Reward, V 7, "to reward with rest you who are afflicted"

Rest from exterior persecution-

Rest from interior sin-
Romans 8:18

Galatians 5:17

Rest IS NOT, "no work"-

II. Crowns of Reward

Crown= stephanos, a woven circlet, crown

1 Corinthians 9:25

2 Timothy 4:8

James 1:12

1 Peter 5:4

Revelation 2:10

III. Rewards in Revelation

Revelation	2:7	To Ephesus, fruit from the tree of Life
	2:11	To Smyrna, no harm from the 2 nd death
	2:17	To Pergamum, hidden manna and an inscribed stone
	2:16-27	To Thyatira, rule over the nations; possession of the morning star
	3:5	To Sardis, their name in the book of life and acknowledged before God and Angels
	3:12	To Philadelphia, a permanent home in God's presence; bear God's name
	3:21	To Laodicea, sit with Christ on His throne

IV. The Reward of Seeing, V 10, "admired by all those who have believed"

John 17:3

The ability to enjoy the Lord

Psalm 27:4

Revelation 22:4

V. Those Rewarded? V 7, "you who are afflicted"; V 10, "all those who have believed"

All enjoy some rewards:

Some enjoy other rewards:

Close:

Philippians 1:23

Revelation 22:12

*It's not as important to know the specifics about what the future will look like,
as to know in whose company we'll be spending it.*